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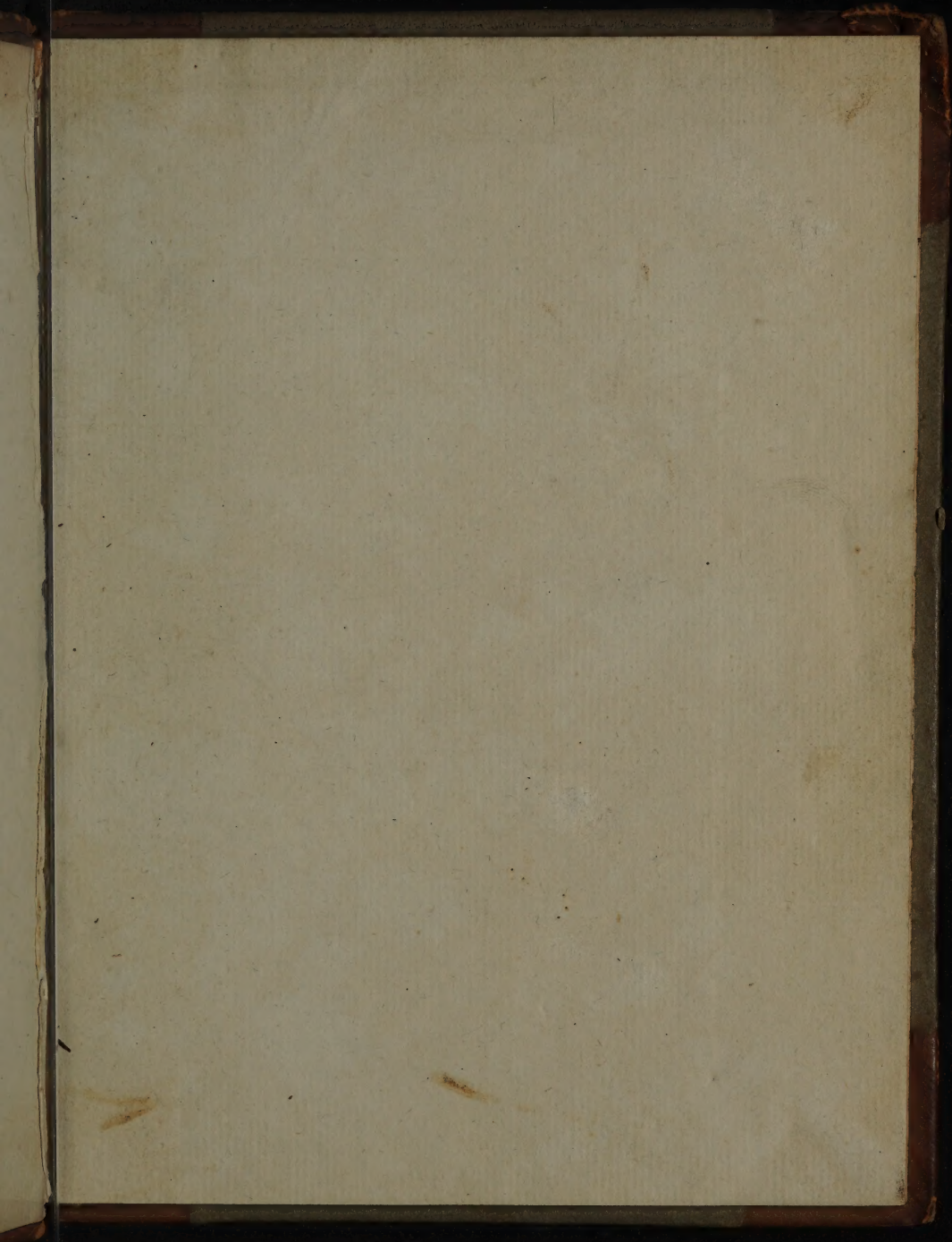
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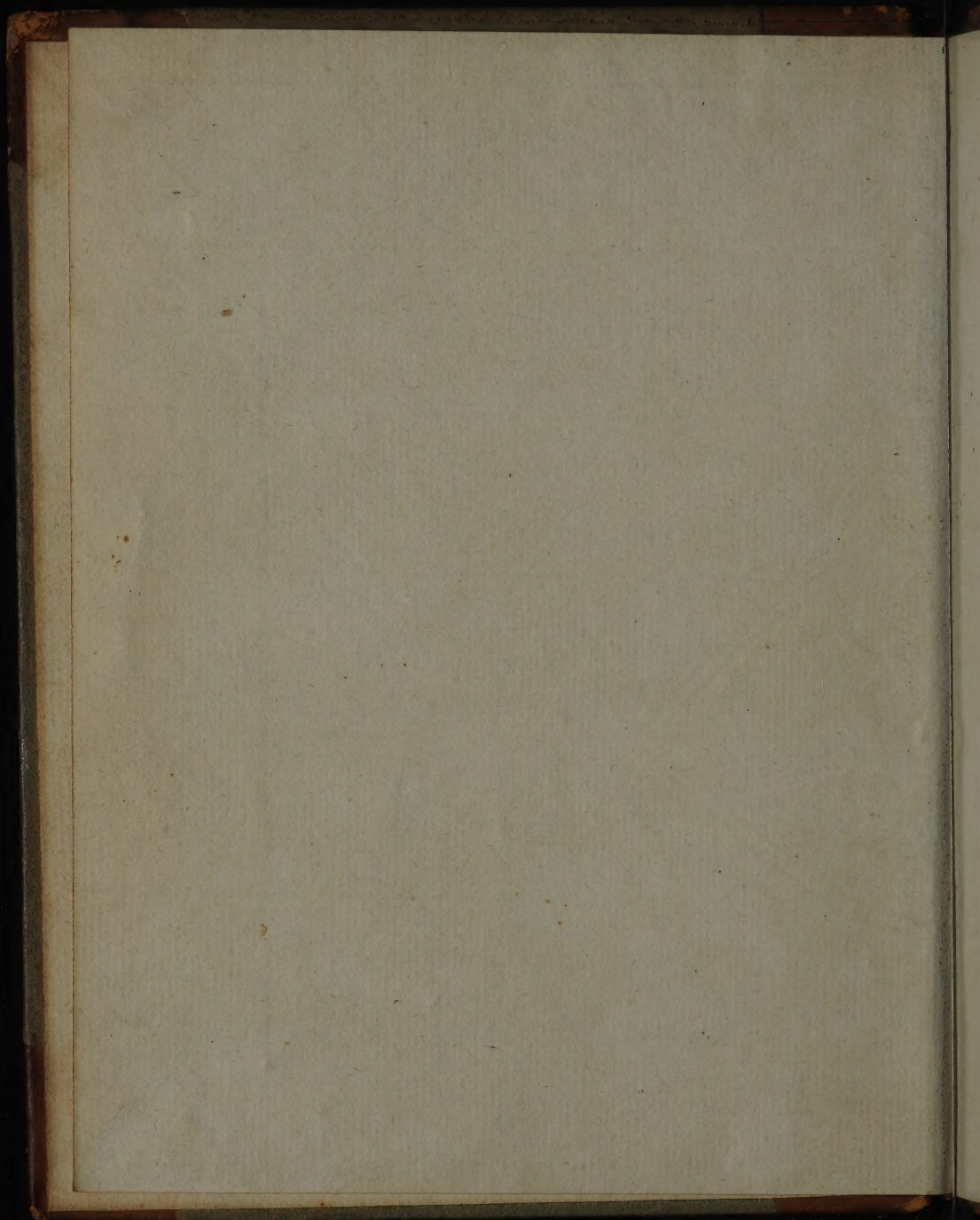
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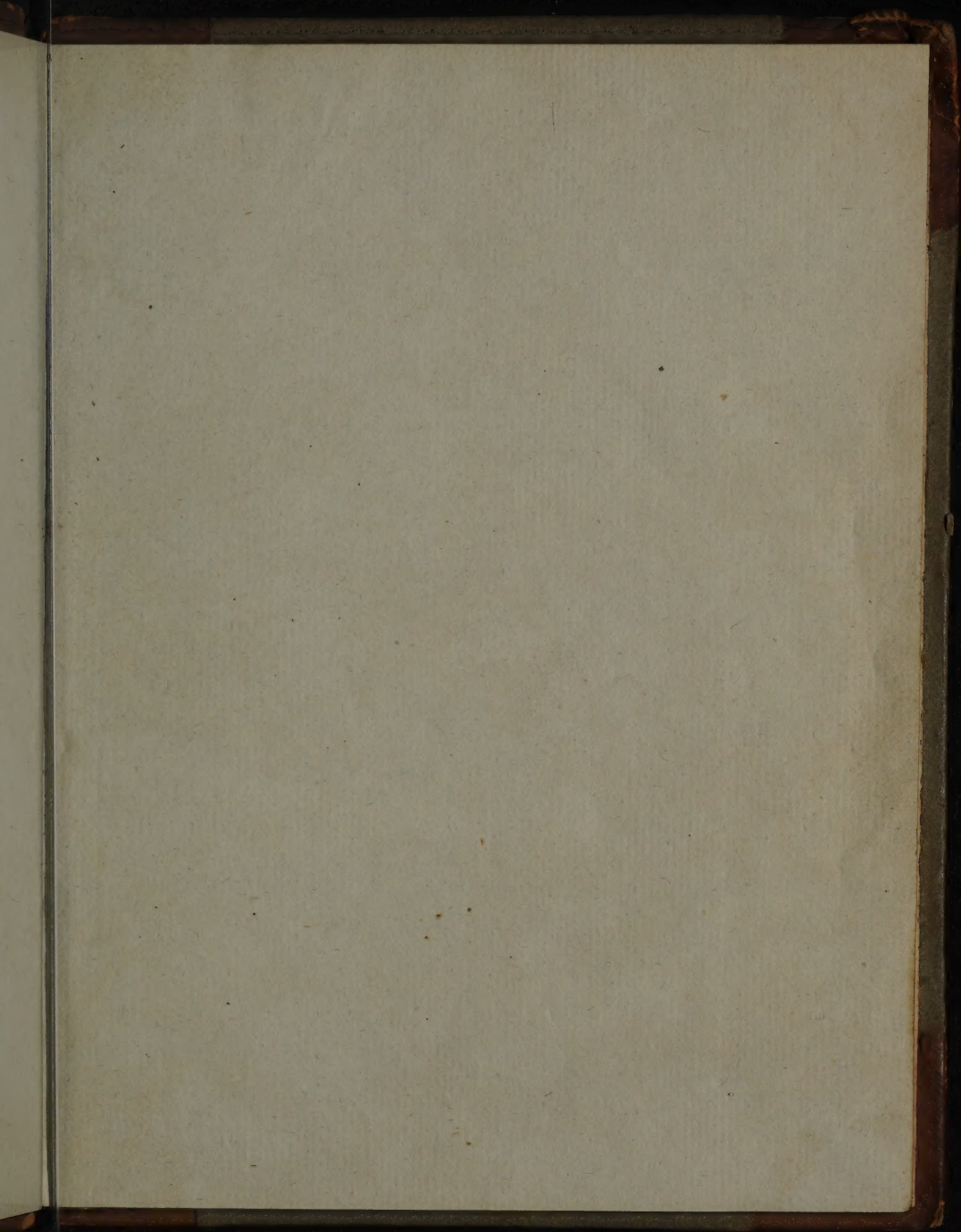
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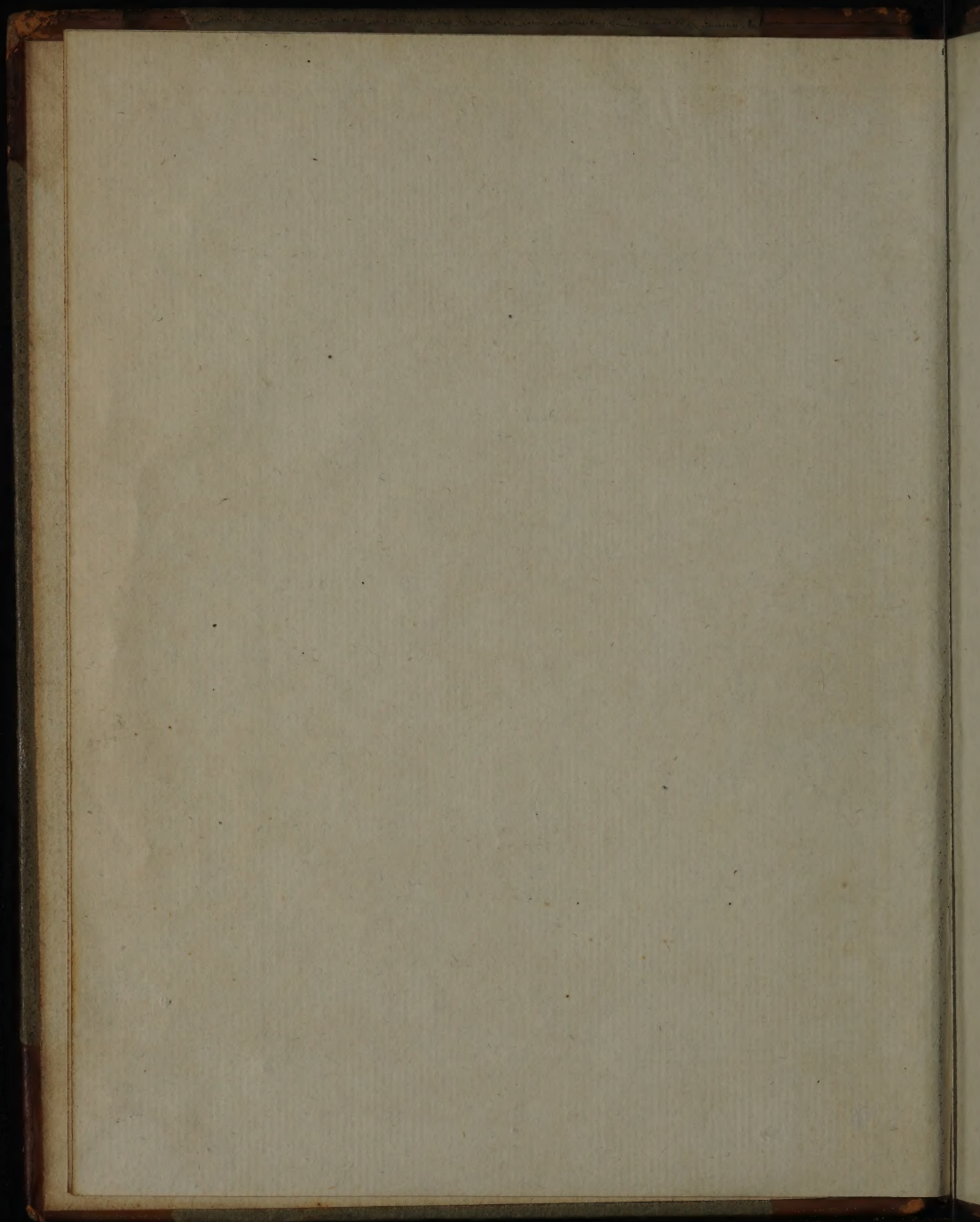
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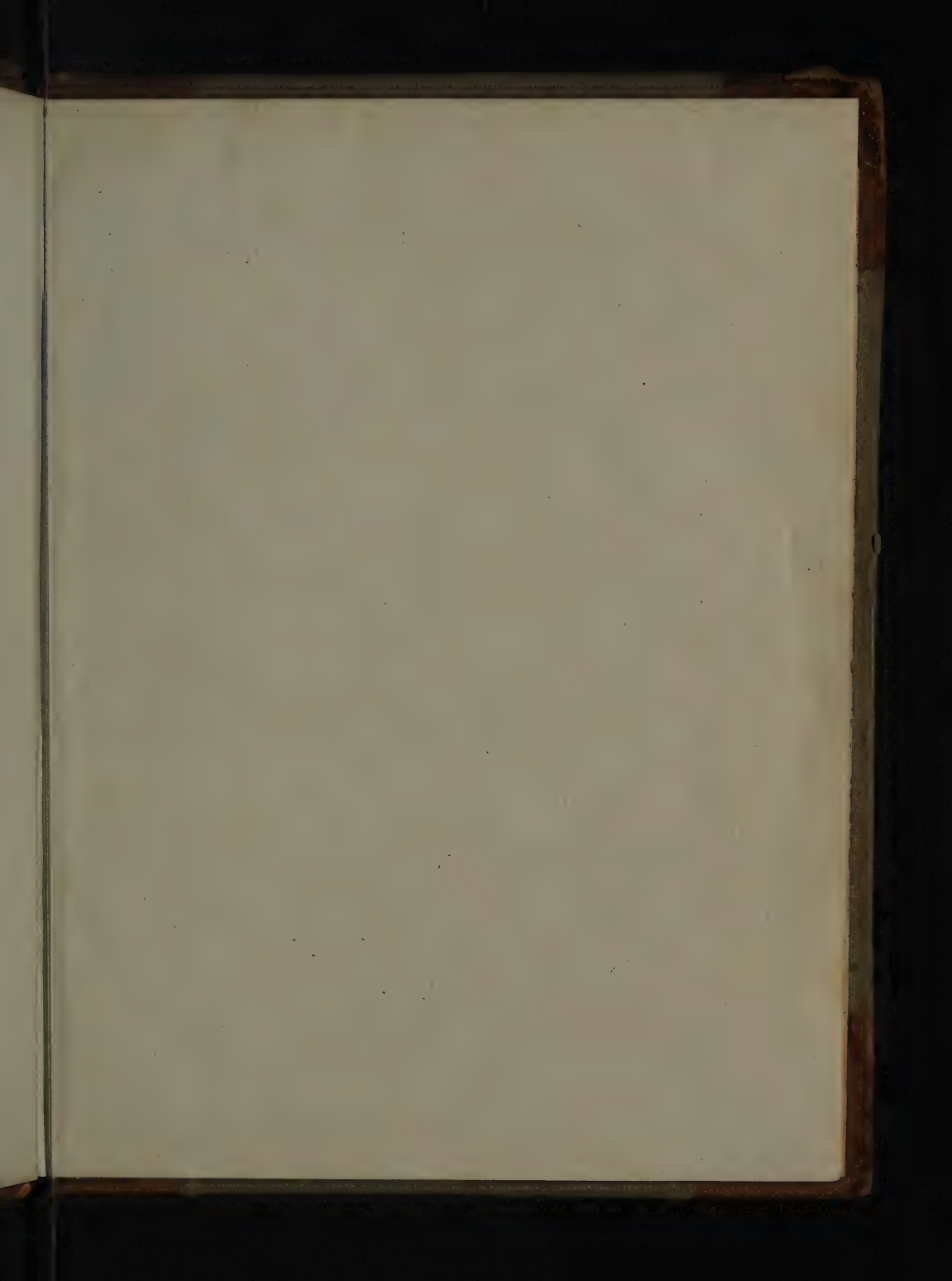
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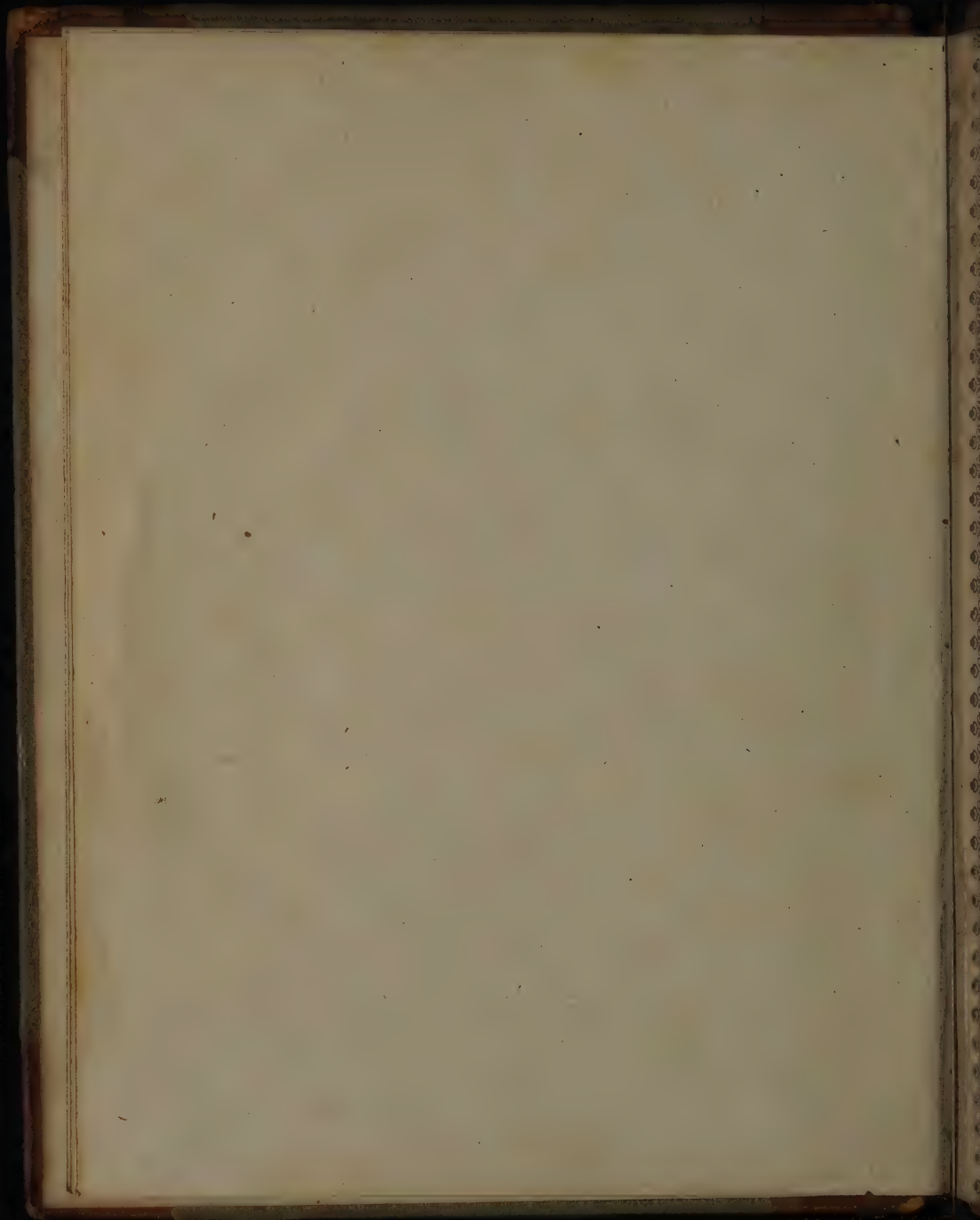








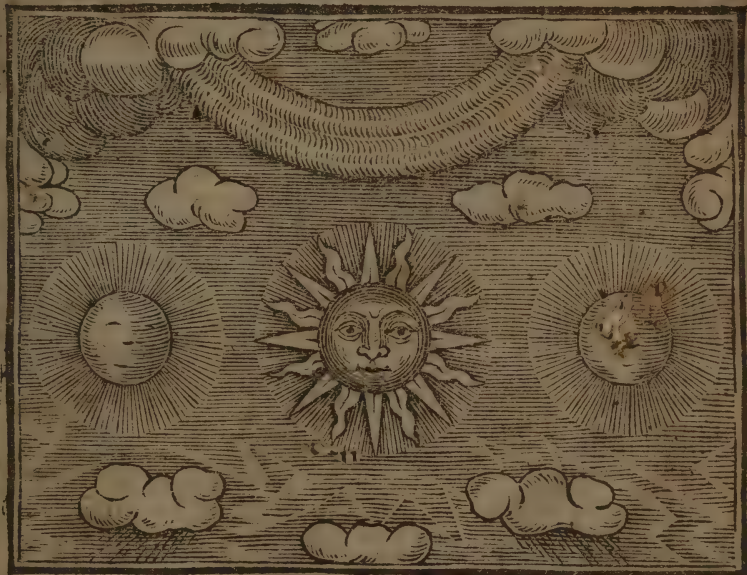




THE STARRY
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An Interpretation of that strange Apparition of three
Suns seene in London, 19. Novemb. 1644. being the Birth
Day of King CHARLES.



The effects of the Eclips of the Sun, which will be visible in ENGLAND,
11. August. 1645. whose influence continues in force, from January, 1646 to Decemb.
1647. almost two whole yeares; and cannot but be the fore-runner of some ex-
traordinary mutation in most Common-wealths of Europe, but principally in
ENGLAND. With an Answer to an Astrologicall Judgement.
Printed at Oxford, upon his Majesties present March.

By WILLIAM LILLY Student in Astrologie.

LONDON,

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the Signe of the Cocke in Ludgate Streete, and the Castle in Cornhill, 1645.





To his truly Honoured Friend, Master
JOHN THOMPSON, of the City of
LONDON Merchant.

SIR,



As in those more painfull imployments you formerly underwent in Transmarine parts you did with great fidelitie, courage, and industry for sundry yeeres, mannage the affaires of our English Merchants intrusted to your care and discretion: So now in this your present retirement, your continuall Study makes it manifest, you act not the part of a young man (though your yeeres speake you not aged) but like a wise man (that ever husbands Time with advantage) You enrich your minde with Knowledge, Converse amongst Studies, and with Authors of wisdom, that hereafter you may be more serviceable to your Country as opportunitie shall present you with a fit occasion: I shall not neede acquaint the World, that you have (as we say changed heaven) and lived not further then five

The Epistle Dedicatory

degrees from the *Æquinoctiall*; yet have you still remained your selfe, and twice returned *Sicutu quo*, bettered by your travells.

This little Treatise (of lesse worth then I wish it) I present unto you, and desire your perusall by way of Recreation, (I am not singular in Dedicating a small thing to a worthy Friend: *Iohn Dee* a most Learned man Dedicated his *Aphorismes* to *Gerard Mercator* a man famous, and they consisted of lesse then sixe sheets.)

Wearied I say with more weighty Studies, run over this, and the rather, because its the first in this kinde ever wrote by any: and you can judge whether tis well or ill done, and few else: Your selfe have seene it in loose papers, from the beginning, middle, and to the end of it, are able to testifie its my owne, I borrowed it from no man, (that impertinent Traveller spoake by Authority, who hoodwinked in judgement, bleated openly that others performed my Worke, yet he never saw me.)

Sir, Favour me with as much love in Receiving it humanely, as I in Affection tender it unto You, and You engage me to rest,

Your Reall Friend,

WILLIAM LILLY.



To the Reader.



Efore I speake any thing of that prodigious Apparition of the three Suns in the Elements, I will acquaint thee with as rare a Progedy which happened in Cheshire.

When first our unnaturall Wars began, and that it was apparent, Warre would be betwixt King and Parliament, Sir George Booth Knight and Barronet of a Noble Family in Cheshire, and one excellently deserving of the whole Kingdome for his fidelity to the Parliament, and without whose countenance our affaires in those parts could not so happily have succeeded: this gallant old Knight perceiving, that many of his Tennants were necessarily to engage their persons, for better incouragement of them, he seriously professed unto them, that if any Tennant or Tennants sonne of his, servant or any other that was any of the lives in any the Leases made by him or any of his Family, should casually be slaine in this unnaturall warre in defence of the Parliament, Religion and Subjects Liberties, that then he would make a new Lease Gratis, and insert any younger life in Liew thereof, which thing he hath constantly and freely performed ever since to his eternall fame and honour, and if this be not worthy of especiall taking notice of, I know nothing; Nor let us forget the singular Valour of his

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Noble Grandchilde Collonell Booth during the siege of
Nantwich against the English Irish.

But to our owne Discourse.

If there be any of so preuaricate a judgement as to thinke that the apparition of these three Suns doth intinate no No-
well thing to happen in our owne Climate, where they were
manifestly visible, I shall lament their indisposition and
conceiue their braines to be shallow, and voyde of under-
standing, humanity, or notice of common History: For full
satisfaction of such unbeleeuing Saints, I haue produced pre-
sidents, not one or two, but many, and those recorded by men
of unquestionable Credit. When was it knowne, that such
like unusuall sights appeared, and were not the fore-runners
of things to come, yet seldome regarded before the things they
signified came to passe.

I am of this opinion, the Heauens neuer send forth any
great signes, which haue not a particular relation to some
great personages: for doubtlesse they are the Vniuersall cause
(God permitting) of all things; and whilst they produce ef-
fects; which seeme to haue relation to one onely: if he be a
Prince, it hath an Vniuersall operation, for people are parta-
kers with their Princes, in their gaines, losses, vertues and
vices, and this is the reason why many times our predictions
doe not jumpe in that measure of time by us limited; for acti-
ons are not done by their Agents in an instant, dispositions
precede them, &c. Besides, great alterations require great
influences, which when they cause great diuersity in their
working,

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working, happen not because the influences are diuers, but because they are diuerse that receiue them.

Read me with indifferency, and poysse me with an equall judgement, I write with no prepared gall, no not against Master Noworth of Oxford, who borrowes the grosse of his judgement in his last Almanack from my Prophetick Merlin, nor am I angrie, but pittie that wooodden Doctour whether Atheist or Papist I know not, that swells with his owne ignorant fancy, and sayth, he can make it appeare, what I speake in behalfe of the Parliament, in point of Art ought to happen to their enemies; this is one of those purblind Prophets, that in corners villifie the Parliaments Freinds, and yet they uncontrolled harbour amidst us, &c. but this thing called a Galenist I let passe, untill his capacity can erect a figure, &c. Many and great are the judgements ready to fall downe upon some great Families of England and Europe, but unlesse an Angell, nay if an Angell from Heaven should report it, nothing will be beleaved: an Achan and an Achitophell, or faction equivalent, both covetous and irreligious, and countenancing for by-respects, unworthy men have wearied my Pen, disheartned the Gentry to our inevitable losse, and impoverishment of the poore Commonallty, and destruction of those townes so unluckely committed to their charge: Let the towne of Leicester be hereof an unlucky president, which hath beene these thee yeares fortifying, and now on the suddain transmitted to his Majesties forces. What became of the vast summes of money there raysed? why the valiant Gentlemen displaced? and men of inferiour ranke

To the Reader,

exalted? who gives any reason? unlesse it was purposely done to betray the Towne to our enemies, or by use of that to prolong the warres another yeare. You shall see if his Majesties Providence fortifie not that towne in lesse monthes then we in years; It must be discovered who, or whom have played the plaine knaves with us, or else we shall never be at quiet. Many complaine the taxes of that County have exceeded the Incombes of Rent. Thus Division, willfull Faction, a scabbie Sect of covetous Sectaries undoe us, and disparage our Parliaments proceedings; but let it be remembred, his Majesties Pressures first begot courage in us to resist him: I hope those Divells that undo us will shortly be found out, till then, if we thrive its miraculous. God grant our Parliament in time may purge the Counties of all Schismaticall, who alone doe them more mischeife then his Majesties Army: Discontented that the Gentry are no more respected, I will ingage no further at this time.

Its true, we gained Shrewesbury, and when the eyes of all Well-wishers looked upon Colonell Mitton, a most beloved, active, and deserving Gentleman to be Governour thereof, En & Ecce, no such thing;

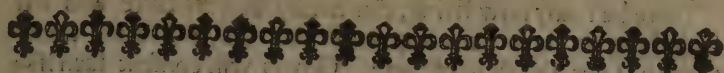
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Time will make us see how we abuse and are abused, many can preach that cannot fight;

WILLIAM LILLY.

Without Temple Bar London, at the Corner House over against
Stranbridge.



An Interpretation, or Declaration, what manner of

Accidents may ensue upon the three Suns which appeared in

England the 19. of November, 1644.

(it being his Majesties Birth-day)

by William Lilly.

It's far from my intention, to make the signification of this extraordinary Prodigie more ominous, because it had its appearance with us on the same day 44 years that his Majesty was borne, and ushers in, as it were the actions of his 45 years. I humbly desire his Majesty would be pleased to take some notice hereof; for I conceive he may be hereby much concerned; and the rather, as he is one of the prime Monarches of *Europe*, and also in regard it was visible in *England*, a Kingdome of his own, and of which he is rightfull Inheritor: For doubtlesse, over what City or Countrey these unusuall Apparitions are verticall, or where they doe more manifestly shew themselves, those Countreys, in a more sensible and perceptible manner, shall be capable of the effects attending those Apparitions. Nor am I clearly of that opinion many very judicious men, both of forepast and present times, are, That such like Prodigies, Comets, &c. do never shew themselves, but as precursors of mischief. What greater benefit did ever happen to mankind, then the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ? and yet was his coming manifested to us by a Star, or Comet, &c. the like whereof we have never read or heard of. And besides, we have seene in our Age, that if that Comet in 1618 did designe our ill to the *Austrian* Family, as indeed it did; yet the *Swedes* did thereupon thrive; and, before them, *Becklem Gabor* Prince of *Transylvania*, attained to great esteem in the world, and enlarged his Patrimony. I do willingly consent to those words of that learned Physitian of our times, Dr. *Brown*, in the small, but unparallel'd Piece of his, *Relig. Med.* fol. 70. That those noble essences in heaven, beare a friendly regard to their fellow-natures on earth; and that such like Prodigies as these, are the charitable Premonitions of good Angels, which more carelesse Enquiries terme but the effects of Chance and Nature.

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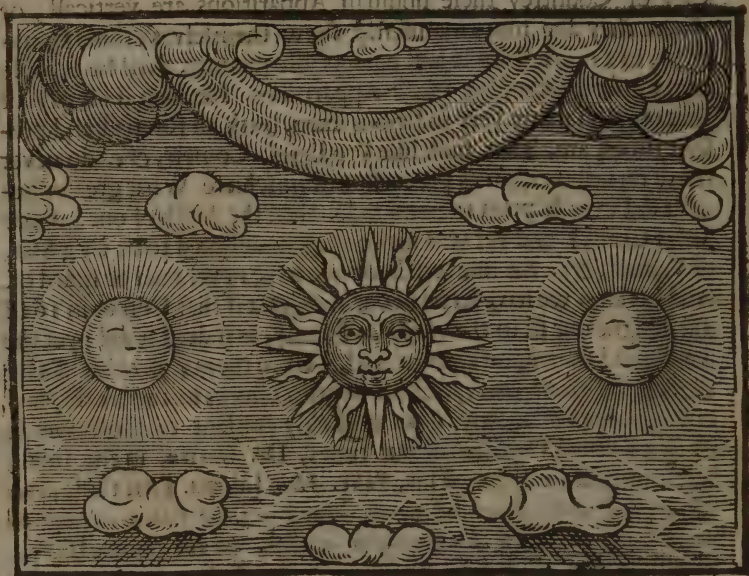
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There be many now living, can hardly beleeeve there was any such thing as three Suns appeared: and why? Because themselves had not the sight of them. Others will consent such like things might be seene: but what should be thereby signified, they conceive is beyond Humane Capacity.

To the first sort of men, I say, That, as Christians, we ought to beleeeve the Report of one another, especially in a matter wherein there is no danger or prejudice can come either by crediting or not crediting the report, or wherein neither Religion or our neighbour suffer scandall or harme, &c. But I say, Many hundreds, of uncontradictable credit, did behold this: We have it also mentioned in many mens printed Pamphlets; amongst the rest, I heare the witty *Aulicus* hath glossed thereon. Surely I am, *Britannicus* promised some Conceptions, which yet are not come to publicke view, upon that very subject.

I here represent the forme of it, as it appeared in the Element, and was carefully taken and observed by one Master *Heyler*, who courteously communicated it unto me.

The forme of
the three Suns
seen in Eng-
land 19. No-
vember 1644.



I will

I will endeavour to give a generall satisfaction, and first will produce the yeares wherein formerly, long before our time, such Prodigies have beene seene and recorded, and also what material Occurrences did immediately, or within one or two yeares, succeed: Which being performed, I shall, God willing, fall upon what effects I conceive shall be instantly subsequence to these three Suns, the now-subject of my Discourse.

IT is recorded, that in the One and fiftieth yeare after Christ, there appeared three Suns at once and forthwith they joyned in one, &c. In that yeare, *Clodomire* King of *France* began to recover what his Predecessours had lost. *Saint Paul* was converted. *Luke* writes the Gospell. *Caractacus* the valiant was led in triumph to *Rome*, where a great Famine was the same yeare.

Anno 66, A Comet was seene, and also three Suns. In which yeare, *Florus* President of the Jewes was by them slaine. *Paul* writes to *Timothy*. The Christians are warned by a divine Oracle, and depart out of *Jerusalem*. *Boatice a Britishe* Queene killeth Seventy thousand *Romans*. The *Nazareni*, a scurvie Sect, begun, that boasted much of Revelations and Visions. About a yeare after, *Nero* was proclaimed enemy to the State of *Rome*.

Anno 69, In the East and in the West two Suns were seene, of the which one seemed weake and pale, the other strong and cleare. In this yeare *Jerusalem* was taken by *Titus*, and Eleven hundred thousand Jewes slaine and made away in the Seige. *Linus* was this yeare first Bishop of *Rome*; where we may carefully note, a Prodigie was the forerunner of *Episcopacie* at *Rome*. This yeare *Galba* is slaine by *Orho*, having reigned but three moneths. And men suppose, that in this yeare the Gospell of *Saint John* was written at *Ephesus*.

From hence I passe untill some latter Centuries of yeares: for from the yeare 69, to 1103, I finde none recorded in those Authors I have read.

In the yeare 1103, a Comet appeared in *Normandy*, and not long after, two full Moones, one in the East, the other in the West. The Effects that followed instantly, were these: The son of *Henry* the Emperour rebelleth against his father. A Council was held in *London* for Reformation of the Clergie. (I think

that Tribe is out of order in all Ages.) All married Priests were excommunicated by *Anselme*: (this was a strict Priest, certainly.) *Lewis* of France, forceth a Restitution of Church-goods sacrilegiously taken. This yeare began the long and cruell Warre betwixt the *Polonian* and *Russian*. The *Venitians* obtaine large Priviledges of the Emperour.

Anno 1156, the first of *October*, for three houres, there was seene three Circles about the Sun; which at length vanishing there was seene two Suns. The Pope, being an *Engliss*-man, is taken Prisoner. The Kingdome of *Denmarke* is devided: And in the next yeare, the Pope and Emperour fall at variance.

Anno 1157, in *September*, there were seene three Suns together, in as clear weather as could be: And a few days after, in the same moneth, three Moones, and in the Moone that stood in the middle a white Crosse. *Sueno* King of *Denmark*, at a great Feast, killed *Cnutus*, *Sueno* is himseife slaine, in pursuit of *Waldemar*. The Order of *Eremites*, according to the rule of Saint *Augustine*, begun this yeare; and in the next, the Pope submits to the Emperour: (was not this miraculous?) *Lumbardy* was also adjudged to the Emperour.

Anno 1168, the first of *September*, there was seene at once in the West, three Suns: Two houres after, when two were gone, he in the middle went downe alone. By mediation of the *French* King, *Becket* is restored to his Archbishoprick. *Almaricus* King of *Jerusalem*, calleth in the *Turkes* to his aid, which was the ruine of that Kingdome; and, contrary to his Faith given, aids the *Greekes* against the *Egyptians*. A Conspiracie arose in *Bohemia*, against the King.

Anno 1169, three Moones appeared. The year succeeding, *Becket* the stiffe Preist was slaine in a Church in *England*. *Catana* a City in *Sicity*, is destroyed, with fifteene thousand people, as also the Bishop and Clergie, by an Earthquake. A Smithes son raised great troubles in *Norway*, pretending himseife to be *Harolds* Grandchilde. The *Romans* raze the City of *Alba*: And in the next yeare, a great Inundation was in *Freezeland*.

Anno 1314, three Moones appeared. *Lewis* was crowned Emperour by some Electours, *Frederick* by the rest. A Councell was at *Ravenna* for Reformation, &c. Note the instability of the

the Clergie, The Pope dyeth, and the Sea is voyd two years and foure monthes. The *Englifs*, under a fimple and willfull King, *Edward* the fecond, are overthrowne by the *Scots*, and to purpose. *Lewis Hutine* comes to the Crowne of *France*, hangs his Treasurer, &c. The Queene of *Castile* dyeth. The *Genowayes* rob the *Venetian* Merchants, and invade their Territories.

Anno 1372. the first of *July*, and fome days after, a strange Circle was feene about the Sun. over which appeared two Croffes of a red colour, neere *Basil*. The *French* befieged *Roche*, and the *Englifs* defend it. The yeare after, the Order of Nuns of *Saint Katharine* was founded. *Robert Steward* King of *Scotland* marieth his Concubine; and *John Duke* of *Lancaster* the King of *Castile*s daughter. The King of *Portugall* refuseth a Match in *Castile*, and takes a Noble-mans wife from him, having banished her husband; at which his people are discontented. Shortly after, the *Venetians* restore *Paleologus*, being expelled by his fon *Andronisus*.

Anno 1460, the fecond of *February*, three Suns appeared, every one shewing a severall light, which againe closed all together in one. The Duke of *Yorke* is attainted of Treason. *Henry* the xt is taken Prisoner at *Northampton*. Civill Warre in *France*; called, the *Weale-publike*, caused by the Kings Covetousnesse. The King of *France* dyeth, having, upon a foolish conceit, forborne his meate so long, that when after he would eate, he could not. A Rebellion in *Spain* against the Queene, for death of the Prince. *James* the third came to the Crowne of *Scotland*. The Duke of *Yorke* is slaine in *Yorke*shire. *David* Emperour of *Trapezond*, and his two sons, taken and slaine by *Mahomet* the *Turke*. In the next yeare after, *Edward* the fourth came to the Crown of *England*, and poore, innocent *Henry* the sixth sent to the Tower, &c.

Anno 1466, three Suns were feene at *Rome*; in which yeare *Erasmus* was borne. The King of *Denmarke* is excommunicated by the Pope. *Warwick* and *Edward* the fourth fall out. *John* King of *Srayne* is deposed, and *Alfonfus* Crowned. The King of *Hungaria*s brother is taken by the *Turkes*, and beheaded at *Constantinople*. *Gerard* the King of *Denmarke*s brother, is imprisoned for aspiring. *Matthias* of *Hungaria* is set up against the lawfull

King thereof. *Scanderbeg* a most valiant Captain against the *Turke*, dyeth. The *French King* takes from his brother the *Dutchy of Normandy*.

Anno 1492, the fifteenth of *December* three Suns were seene in *Poland* at noone. The *Jewes* are expelled *Spain*. *Alexander* the sixth playes the ungratefull fellow with his Cardinalls. Towards the latter end of the yeare, the Emperour of *Germany* dyes; and *John Albert* succedes *Casimire* in the Kingdome of *Polonia*. The *Gantois* in *Flanders* rebell.

Anno 1514, in *January*, three Suns were seene in the *Dutchy of Wittingberge*, the middlemost surpassed the rest in greatnesse. In every of these, there appeared the forme of a bloudy and fiery sword. The same yeare, in *March*, three Moones were seene. It was in that yeare some part of *Sussex* were burned and spoyled by the *Rhodyans*, in behalfe of the *French*. An Interview follows, betwixt the Emperour, King of *Polonia*, and *Bohemia*. The *French King* and Pope meete. The Queene of *Scotland* fleeth into *England*. The *French King* dyeth, and *Francis* the first succedes, and recovers *Milan*.

Anno 1515, Queene *Mary*, the scourge of Protestants, is borne in *England*. *Wolsey* a proud Priest begins to rise at Court. The Pope falls out with the *Venetians*.

Anno 1520, the fifth of *January*, about Sun-rising, three Suns appeared, with a Rainbowe of divers colours, at *Vienna*. The seventh of *January*, there were three Suns also seene. After *Charles* the fifth was Crowned, there was seene a Circle about the Sun, with a Rainbowe. The Pope, he spues out his Excommunications against *Luther*, who as stoutly burnes his foolish Bulls. The Pope executes the Tyrant of *Perugia*. The Duke of *Buckingham* is in *England* beheaded for Treason. The *French* detain our Merchants goods: we imprison the *French*. *Solyman* the Magnificent comes to the Emperour of *Turkie*. The *Geldrois* rebell. The next yeare after the *French Warre* began, which continued thirty and eight yeares, troubles arise in *Scotland*. Many rich Cities taken by the *Turke* in *Hungary*.

Anno 1523, in *Switzerland*, there was seene three Suns at once, and also divers Circles in the Element. At *Norimberge* in a Diet there held, grievances are exhibited against the Pope;

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The Peasants rebell against the Nobles in *Germany*. Both the *French* and *Swedes* are defeated by the Imperials. The Earle of *Surrey* burnt thirty seven Towns in *Scotland*. The Duke of *Holsten* is chosen King of *Denmarke*, and the former King expelled for his Cruelty. The *Janizaries* mutiny at *Constantinople*.

Anno 1525, there was seene in *Hungaria* five Suns, two on either side the right Sun. The Duke of *Lunenburg* becomes *Lutherane*. The Order of *Capuchines* is erected. The *French* King is released out of prison. Fifty thousand Clownes are slaine, *Henry* the eight falls off from the Emperour. The women of *Hague* rise against their Customers, upon their exactions: and the *Swedes* become *Lutheranes*.

Anno 1526, in *Sweden* three Suns were seene, with divers circles in the Elements. The Emperour abolisheth the Popes Authority in *Spain*. The *Tartarian* invades the *Polonian*, and is defeated and taken. *Rome* is wasted by the *Columnenses*, and besiege the Pope in *St. Angelo*. A Sedition arose in *Suffolke*. The holy League made by the *French* King, Pope, Duke of *Millan*, and *Venetian*, against the Emperour. Now was the battle of *Mohatz*, when the whole Nobility of *Hungary* was slaine, and the King in fight drowned in a ditch. *Buda* a cheife Citie of *Hungaria*, is yeilded to *Solyman*. The next yeare, the Duke of *Burbon* takes *Rome*, sackes it ten monthes. Sweating sicknesse in *London* continuing two yeares.

Anno 1528, in *Switzerland*, and in the moneth of *June*, many Suns were seene at once, and about them three Circles. A Councell was then held at *Sena* for Reformation. Images and Popish trumperies abolished at *Perne* and *Strasburg*. A Rebellion at *Dansk*. Some mutinies *Utrechters* executed by the Bishop. Sharpe Differences betwixt *Henry* the eight and Queene *Katharine*. The next yeare, *Solyman* invades *Hungary* with one hundred and fifty thousand men. *Vienna* is besieged, but not taken. The Ransome of the *French* King is payd.

Anno 1532, the eleventh of *April*, at *Venice*, *Cardanus* saw three fayre and bright Suns, with two Rainbowes, not with poynts descending, but opposite to the Sun. *Vienna* is releived by the Emperour. *Henry* the eight is divorced from Queene *Katharine*. 1533, Queene *Elizabeth* was borne. Sedition raised

raised by the Anabaptists and strange Factions in *Hungary*.

Anno 1541, there appeared three Suns; the usuall Sun stood in the Centre, and two bright Circles did inviron it. *Katherine* Queene of *England* is beheaded. The *Rochellers* rebell. *Charles* the fifth maketh an unfortunate voyage to *Algiers*. The *Germane* Forces are spoyled by the *Turkes*, onely by the cowardise of the Leaders. The yeare after, the *Scots* were beate at *Solmy Moss*: and their King dies of Melancholy. *Trenslvania* is subdued by *Solyman*, and given to *John*. Popery rejected in the *Palatinate*.

Anno 1550, neere *Brunswicke*, three Suns appeared. Now great troubles arise at *Antwerp*, and the Inquisition opposed in the *Netherlands*. Difference betwixt the Emperour and *Ferdinand* about succession in the Empire: Some of the Electors arme against the Emperour. The *Thames* ebbd and and flowed three times in nine houres. Peace with *Scotland*.

Anno 1551, in *March*, at *Magdeburg*, about seven in the morning, seven Rainbowes were seen; and in the evening, three Moons; In *Aprill*, at *Wittingberg*, three Suns were seen, with various Circles in the Element. There was seene the same yeare at *Antwerp*, three Suns, with divers Circles. The same yeare there was seene two mock-Moones twice. In *England*, the Duke of *Sommerfet* is beheaded. A world of Disputes in *Germany*, about Religion. The *French* make War with the Emperour.

Anno 1553, three Suns appeared; the middle of a bright colour; but the *Parclii* or mock-Suns red and bloody. The same day, after Sun set, three Moones appeared. The Papist and Protestant in *England* dispute. The King of *England* dyeth. A tumult in *Brussels*, betweene the insolent *Spaniard*, and the townsmen. Now Persecution in *England* for being Protestants. Queen *Mary* comes to the Crowne; usher'd into the world by a Prodigie, and to the Crowne with the like ominous Portent.

Anno 1554, in *Bavaria* divers kindes of Suns were seene; but especially the sixth of *March*, two Suns were seene, with a Rainbow. In *May* the same yeare, two more Suns were seene, the Sun as it were invironed all about with a Rainbowe. *Wyas* riseth in *Kent*. *Philip* and *Mary* married. *Sena* betrayed to the Emperour by the Pope. *Henals* in *Arshoys* wasted by the *French*.

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Anno 1556. in *Saxony* two mock-Suns appeared. *Charles* the Emperour entrench the Monastery of *S. Justus*, in the confines of *Castile*. The Lord *Scurlon* is hanged in England for a Murder. *Transilvania* revolts. Nineteen thousand people at *Prussels*, dye of Cold and Famine. The next year, the War is begun betwixt the King of Spaine and the Pope. A generall Pestilence happens in England. *Calais* is lost to the French: and the Scots invade the English. Treasons and Uproares are frequent in *Turkey*.

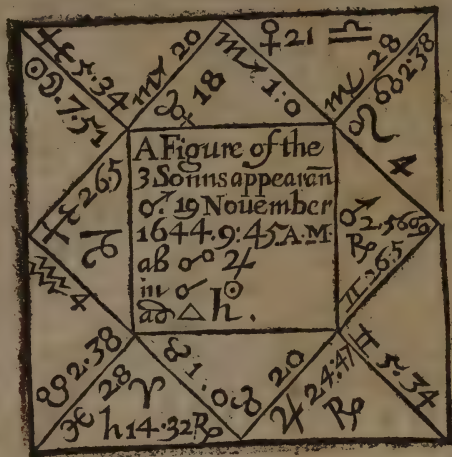
Anno 1622. three Suns appeared at Heidelberg. The wofull Calamities that have ever since fallen upon the Palatinate, we are all sensible of, and of the losse of it, for any thing I see, for ever, from the right Heire. *Osman* the great Turke is strangled that year: and *Spinola* besiegeth *Bergen up Zoom*, &c.

I have heard it credibly reported, that there were seen, about twelve yeeres since, many Suns at one time in *Cornwall*: and in March 1639. towards Sun-set, three Suns were seen in the West, not farre from Oxford.

I have not seen any of these Suns I mention, my selfe; onely in those six yeeres in which I lived in the Country, *v.z.* 1636, 1637, 1638, 1639, 1640, &c. many evenings I observed a strange fiery skie, and unusuall forms in the Elements, towards that part of Heaven where Oxford stands, and towards *Barkshire*, *Hampshire*, and so also towards *Buckinghamshire*, &c.

I have the rather repeated these things, that the incredulous of the times might not be wavering, or a party now upon earth too confident that these prodigious Sights have no signification upon Mundane affaires. The Historiall part is now ended, and my owne judgement upon those three Suns apparent the nineteenth of November, 1644. followeth: Wherein, if oft repetitions of the same thing trouble thee, with modesty or curtesie passe them by; for in Astrology it cannot be avoyded: Nor doe thou expect any exact Method of me, lth it was no part of my meaning, or could I conveniently doe it: Onely this I must tell thee, that the interpretation I write, is, I conceive, grounded upon probable foundations; and who lives to see a few yeers over his head, will easily perceive I have unfolded as much as

was fit to discover, and that my Judgement is not a mile and a halfe from truth.



A Figure erected for the middle time of the three Suns appearance the 19. of November, 1644. 9. hor. 45. min. A. M.

Lordinum Anglie.

Many Philosophers are of opinion, that these false Sunnes, amongst the learned called *Parelij*, doe especially appeare, whed many subtill moist Clouds are betwixt us and the Sun. Others, that they are round Clouds shining like the Sun; or that they images of the Sun in a thick and neighbouring Cloud in the forme of a Mirror. But if that collected Clouds, or multitude of vapours, or any Naturall cause, produced such rare and unusuall Apparitions; Why have we not such Sightes oft? It's well knowne, such are not usually seen, although once in a moneth we doe not want plenty of Vapours, which, if they were so produced, might cause monethly, or oftner, such like Apparitions. And besides, when these three Suns were seen, it was a very faire Sun-shine day, a very cleere day, no Clouds, Vapours, Foggs or Mists appearing. Indeed for seven or eight dayes before, we at London had extream stormy Weather, cloudy, windy, rainy, and what not? I did not observe, for a long time, such variety of bluttering and unnaturall Weather, which I conceive was occasioned by the late opposition of *Salurne* and *Venus*, and the matutine setting of the *Virgilia*, and other most violent fixed Stars,

Stars, which according to *Stadius*, *Hicem pluviolosam denuntiant*. It is also the opinion of *Pliny*, *succularum & pleiadum, occasus Terra Marisq; turbidum esse*. Nor may we forget the access of the Sun to *Cor scorii*, to lessen any ill Weather the dayes precedent, &c.

Here's Naturall causes for the ill Weather preceding, so many dayes together; but no cause in Nature to induce a beliefe that the three Suns were occasioned from Nature.

I am cleerly of opinion, These Sights, as well as many others, were caused by those tutelary Angels, who, by Gods permission, and under him, have the Government of the English Commonwealth. They are sensible of those many impending Miseries now too plentifully amongst us. Their conference with man now, as in the dayes of old, very few attaine unto, it being a blessing sought after by many, attained unto by few: And yet there are some of opinion, There lives in the world some, and of those some, a small party in England, that know more then they utter, and, either by Vision, or verball Coloquy, have the knowledge of future events, yea, even from the blessed Angels.

But alas, these are Riddles; I must adhere unto my Astrologie; and yet wish all happineffe to those good soules that either confer with their owne *Genius*, whom some call, A good Angel; or with such other of those heavenly Ministers whom God in mercy affordeth them. And herein let no Reader mistake me; for I abhor Witches, or those Necromancers that raise the deceased out of their graves, or those Circular Priests now almost worne out of the world: My meaning is this, That I doe beleeve there are many now living, to whom God, by his Angels, gives Revelation of things to come: And where and to whom God gives such a blessing, I beleeve that Saint may lawfully use the Talient God hath enabled him with.

But I leave this obsolete, though excellent Learning, to another Discourse, and come to the Text it selfe.

I doe somewhat adhere to *Cardan*, *seg. 4. Aphe. 94. Signa circa solem, in Luna vel stellis, aut circa eas, tum in celo volde aliena a naturali cursu; si locum ubi apparent, & figuram celi cum hoc, ea hora ab initio in finem observabis, intellegere possis quid significant: Viz.* If you observe any strange formes or signes about the

Sun, or in the Moon or Stars, or neer unto them, and those unu-
suall signes are strange, or contrary to a naturall course; consider
the place where they appeare, and compare the Figure of Heaven
with it, set to the beginning of their appearance, and considered
untill its end, and then you may understand the signification
thereof.

The better to direct me in my judgement, I have erected three
Scheams of Heaven, and, according to my mean Capacity, judged
thereupon the effects of these three Suns.

Neither indeed is *Cardanus* single in his judgement; for *Ludo-
vici de Regiis. Apho. 88. lib. 2.* saith, *Monstruosa corpora & por-
tentia, quando ultra modum acciderint, hora ipsorum consideranda est,
nihil accidit, quin a corporibus super cœlestibus designetur effectus.*
Monstrous bodyes, and seldome seen, when beyond nature they
chance to shew themselves; the houre of their first being is to be
considered: there's no such things happen; but the effects there-
of are designed from the supercelestiall bodies.

And though this may seem strange to most men that shall read
this Discourse; yet I hope the Judgement following shall, in
some measure, better satisfie them, if they will have patience
first to read it warily, and then to observe the generall Affairs of
England, and all or the most part of Christendome, presently or
within a little compasse of time subsequent. Nor let any hu-
morist presse me too hard for reason in every thing fals from my
Pen: *Multa res sunt que non videntur ratione naturali esse, effe-
ctus quidem earum per formas superiorum corporum considerare pos-
sumus habereq; eas, si in tempore proprio investigata quesitaq; sunt.*
Rigel. Lib. 2. Apho. 77. Many things doe come to passe, for which
we can give no naturall reason: we may attaine to discern the ef-
fects by the formes of superiour Bodies, and exactly to know
them, if we search and look after them in their proper times.
By which this learned Grecian intends, that the true notion of
what may be signified by these late disastrous three Suns, or any
other unnaturall Apparition, is most easily attained, by taking
the exact time of their first appearance, and then the erection of a
Scheam of Heaven.

And this I find further confirmed by *Cardanus, Apho. 95.
Seg. 40. Monstra vero & portenta clades & mortes hominum, sed*

non eodem modo neque statim significant, oportet autem & exortationem edrum considerare, sed illorum casus, & vis non est presentis contemplationis. The meaning whereof is to informe you, that upon any generall Misfortune happening, or any sudden Calamity chancing amongst men, you are to observe the first time of its motion, and thereby frame your Astrologicall Judgement upon the Accidents subsequent.

It's first considerable, in what nature, kind, or thing, this prodigious Appearance shall manifest it selfe in, and upon what kinds of Men, People, Kingdomes, or Countries; and lastly, its Determination, &c.

Of all which I will treat, but not methodically, for some reasons best knowne to my selfe, &c. For let it be considered, how dangerous it is to speak truth in significant language, in this Age, and at this time, when Opinion is more prevalent then sober Judgement, and when a word modestly misplaced, may more puzzle me by information of some seeming-Saint Coxcomb, then either reall Treason against my Prince, or blasphemy in Religion, &c. But I slight these pedantick Informers.

BE it knowne then unto all men by these Presents, That *hujusmodi imagines & figura multa minantur, frequenter enim aut Civitati alicui, aut Regioni, aut Regno, vel Principi, Regi, Cesarive, quæ expressis aliis verbis sibi dici non tolerant.* Such Sights as these three Suns, or other Images or terrible Figures appearing in the Heavens, doe threaten many things frequently either to some City, Region, Kingdome, Prince, or Emperour: and futher, these are manifested in such extraordinary manner in the Heaven by Signes, because such persons as above named, will never suffer any man in plaine words to acquaint them with so much.

The Apparition being visible in England, the whole Kingdom is concerned more or lesse,

The Lord of the tenth in the seventh House, Retrograde: our prime men of all Qualities, are intended to share in the Mischiefe hereby portented.

Kings, Princes, Nobility, &c. of which anon.

I particular out no one; *Quis enim prudens id periculi subiret?*

What man would run such a hazard of danger? *Licet Astronomia & Magia peritissimus, ut Principi alicui aut Regi Cesarive in os diceret, ubi hoc accidet, in occideris, gladio trahieris, subditi tui te Regno exant, & ejicient, in exilium agent, subditi tui data fide violata & rebellione facta te repudiabunt, & Domino alio jurabunt?* What an Assle were the Astrologian, or skilfull Magician, saith *Paracelsus*, if upon the appearance of a Prodigious Sight in the Elements, he should say, to the face of a Prince, King, or Emperour, Such a thing shall happen unto thee, Thou shalt be slaine, knockt in the head with a Bullet, Thy Subjects shall spoyle thee, and cast thee out of thy Kingdome, Thou shalt live a banished man in another Country, Thy owne Subjects or People, notwithstanding their Fealty or Homage done, shall violate their Faith given, raise Rebellion, repudiate and scorn thy Acts and Person, and performe Service to some other Lord. This is a pretty piece of Stuffe.

If we beleve the sayings of the wise, that were curious in search after such like Prodigies; you that are Emperours, Kings, Princes, Dukes, or the principall Rulers of all Commonwealths in Europe, have reason to be carefull of your selves, and to thank me for putting you in mind of such things as these? Be angry, and you please, I care not; I must discharge my Conscience.

It's not unknowne to the Learned, that Europe is now at this time under the last Conjunction of *Saturne* and *Jupiter*, in the Watry Trygon, and signe of *pisces*. It's not unknowne, as I may say, how preposterously and irregularly that Conjunction slips in betwixt two Conjunctions of the Fiery Triplicity, the first entrance whereof was in 1603. and their Conjunction in the eighth degree of *Sagittarius*, the very self-same signe, degree, and quarter of Heaven the Sun and Moone are in upon this present Apparition.

King *James* came to be our English King that yeer.

In the full-Moon postventionall to the Comet, 1618. the Sun was in the tenth degree of *Sagittarius*. In the second Conjunction of *Saturne* and *Jupiter*, 1623. the almost degree of this present Lunation did mediate Heaven. King *Charles* went into Spaine that yeer.

in the yeere 1643. when *Saturne* and *Jupiter* made their last Conjunction, the place of the Luminaries at thit time was then the Cusp of the twelfth House: and the Sun now in Partill square to his then-place, the Moon at this present, her Latitude considered, is in almost Partill Opposition to the place of *Mars* then: The Scheam of Heaven then and now, differ very little or nothing at all. This is written, to satisfie Artists: He that would know more, let him repaire to the Tract I wrote, called *Englands propheticall Merlin*.

These are all Arguments, and not meane ones, of premonition to a Family, and that no meane one, That a storm, and that also a furious one, is ready to rush downe upon their heads. Doubtlesse this Prodigie is a more neer and significant Interpreter, then any hath been this halfe Century of yeers, of that fatall Doome hanging at this time at it were in the Ayre by a twine threed, over some obstinate and sinking Progenies in Europe. These three Suns shew acceleration of what hath mercifully a long time been forborne, and that now, after so many Warnings, divine Providence will not be deluded by the struggling or frail and brittle policy of man.

Cardan hath such words as these, *seg. 5. Apho. 67. Cumq; tres soles eodem modo, & in ambitu medij Circulus completus ac permanens ad modum Iridis, eo anno in Civitate libera nascitur ex Civibus Rex, quod si cum hoc, stella apparuerit in die lucida, erit in eadem hora*. When three Suns appeare, and in the compassing round of the middle one a compleat Circle is permanent, in manner of a Rain-bow; in that yeere, in a free City (or Common-wealth) there's borne of some Citizen one that shall be a King: But if upon the time of such an appearance, some glorious Star shew it selfe in the day-time, the Infant is born the same houre, *mutatis mutandis*. The words of this learned Philosopher stretch to this sense, That when such a Prodigie as he speaks of appears, it shews, or is the antecedent of some new Principality, or some notable Priviledges to be obtained, or the birth or rise of some man or Common-wealth to Sovereignty, and to that supream Command which was not before. Beleeve me, O all you great ones, there's some such Monster in hatching, as the depriving of many of you of that Freedome your Ancestors left you, &c.

If we take signification from the predominant Planet, we shall acquaint you in plaine English, That Religion shall be a strong Pretender, and a painfull Stickler in most Common-wealths, for some yeers. *Venus*, as now posited, tels you how much some sober and modest Judgements endeavour to settle things purely, soberly, and leagally: But if you look into the third house, you shall find *Saturne* Retrograde, and in opposition to her. Master *Bocker* saith, *Saturne* signifies *Tom Iew* and *Iacke Jesuit*: *bona fide*, I say, That we are hereby premonished of men in our Common-wealth that are as superstitious as the Jew, and malicious as the Jesuit; and that these hodge-podge mixture of shallow-braines, shall disturb all our proceedings. Good God! that so much deceit and hypocrisie should be veiled, and we continue ignorant of the Plot thereby intended.

What incongruous and inconsistent Opinions, even to reason it selfe, doe I foresee by this froward and malicious Aspect of *Saturne*, shall appeare in the world, vex all or most Nations, undoe almost every State and Common-wealth.

Me thinks here's to be plenty of Ambassadours, severally employed. What conclusion they shall make, the Retrogradation of *Jupiter* in the fifth tels you, Worse and worse, Tinker-like, mend one hole, and make two; or, if you will, Salve up a little Breach, and not long after make one five times greater.

Mutuell Assistance shall be pretended, and one Nation or Common-wealth leagues with another; but to what purpose? That Policy which in the conception of the wisest Statist is held most convenient for his Prince and Country, even in that very point shall his King or State suffer most detriment. Can we delude God? or have the Stars no influence? or can we by Art or Nature make the two unnecessary invironing Suns, which are no better then Scar-crowes or outward appearances, to be reall, proper and materiall ones? I must deale plainly, that we in England (for *Saturne* is in *Aries*, the Ascendant of England) under pretence of a glorious shew for Reformation in divine matters, intend deceitfully; and that mischievous Intentions, under religious pretensions, are most viperously clogged.

But upon-maturer Consideration, while I see the hand of the Almighty deadning and dulling our understandings, I apprehend

the Stars as Directory-Messengers of some such things, but in my solid Judgement conclude it the All-seeing providence of God. God is angry we will see nothing; but more angry, because though some doe see and perceive, and know to what Ruine we are hastening; yet, like mute Statu's, they are silent in this great necessity of the State, and close up their mouthes, lest they should utter Verity.

My *Genius*, if it be lawfull to say so, dictates unto me nothing but Fraud, Cozenage, Dissimulation, Hypocrisie, will be used amongst some pretended-Reformers, both of Church and Commonwealth.

If I understand any thing, scandalous aspersions shall, without number or just cause, be fathered upon our Parliament and their Proceedings: hainous and formidable Informations against the Nobility and Gentry. Scurrilous Reproaches from all parts shall fall upon our Senior and Orthodox Clergy-men, from a Junior sort of Rabbies, a Serpentine people not heretofore visible or knowne in the world, lately elapsed by chance, not from Heaven, (where goodnesse it selfe dwels) but from the Moone, (which *Galeum* saith is habitable) in some terrible Thunder-clap: for I beleeve, they were so terrified and stupified in their hearings, by their so violent descent in that storme, that not any sense could ever since pop into their Noddles.

Reason in Astrology must be given, and so it shall. *Mercury* generally signifieth in man, Youth: his Orientality of the Sun and in the Figure, addes more Youth: But now in the sense I spacke it, it tels the whole World, the Novelty of what now most afflicts us. *Jupiter* is generally a Significator of Nobility, and by position of the Clergy, he is under the earth, and in the descending part of Heaven: We heare of things now, that did not appeare before, &c. from whence I frame this Judgement, That Youth, or young novell Opinions or Disputations, shall deceitfully prejudice maturer Judgements, with Lyes, Hyhocrisie, Calumny, Impudence, &c. And I say againe, Because *Mars* that is Lord of the tenth House, disposeth of *Mercury*, and he is Retrograde in the seventh House, and Mansion of the Moon, and opposite to the Ascendant; I deliver ingenuously this free-hearted Judgement, That if his Majesty give protection to such

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upstart pretended Saints, he shall runne Retrograde, that is, he shall receive infinite dishonour by it. And to our Parliament I say, If Connivance be had, under their Protection, with these superlative assuming Zealots, (for my heart will not suffer me to abuse Religion so much, as to call them Religious) the Parliament shall more suffer in the conclusion, even by them, then either by the Turke, were he armed against us, or all the Forces of any potent Enemy. I cannot call them by any certaine name, that so they might be distinguished: doe but observe their actions, and it best informes you: they absolutely study nothing but Division, &c. and suppression of Monarchy.

The very true meaning of these three Sun, is to informe every Common-Wealth of Europe, that they are hastening to either their Confusions, or unavoydable Dangers: the Councils of the most aged shall be despicable, the Projections of the younger men shall cause Insurrections, Slaughters, Murders; the Advice of the most wise shall be innocently slighted. A great Worke is in hand.

Both Sun and Moon are ill placed. Both Kings and People, and all Common-Wealths, are in their Councils now to seeke. They have cunningly, as long as they could, carried their Devices secretly: This Prodigie speaks, as if we shall discover more then is wished, and conceale enough to undoe us.

Three Suns have been seen many times, and severall Circles, sometimes over, sometimes under the true and proper Sun: *Seditiones inter mortales manifestas ostendunt & ab omni consensu concordiaq; alienationem*: Junct. 312. Here's a strange thing, that they doe manifest publike and eminent Seditions amongst mortall men, and a generall alienation or avernesse to any Peace, Agreement, or Unity. Infinite Divisions these three Suns are the Fore-runners of; of sturdy Disturbances to Emperours, Kings, Princes, and all manner of Principalities: and they doe utually shew a generall Calamity at hand; they declare Schisms and Rents in the Church, Disorder amongst the Religious, the brooding or upstarting of some cragged or rugged Tenents in Divinity, some admirable, miraculous, and unexpected passages amongst men, a generall *Delirium* or madnesse, or Confusion in Opinions reigning and raging, and to domineere in most parts of
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those Countries adjacent to the place of appearance. All manner of inferiour people threatning their Superiours and Commanders, grumbling, repining, whispering out revenge against them: No Union in Councell, or constancy in Opinion: Nothing is thought on, but how to bring the whole Fabrick of every Common-Wealth out of frame: Not a man appears, but he is more judicious in State-affaires then *Abuhozel*: Each Cobler in Divinity assures himsele of more knowledge then *Calvin*, *Luther* or *Melancton* were acquainted with, poore Ideots: The acts of the most reverend men preceding such times, are called in question, the validity of their Judgement undervalued, and a Rabble of Saturnine people fill the Times with ignorance the Church with Sects, the Common-Wealth with Beggery, and their owne Coffers, *tantum quantum*, with as much Money as they can theevishly cozen the King, Kingdome and State of.

Is there need of more Suns then one in the day? or of more then one Moone in the night? or of one King in a Kingdome? one entire Government in a Common-Wealth? one Uniformity in the Affaires of the Church? Verily I thinke that man out of his wits, that would affirme a positive necessity of more: And yet usually, after the appearing of such Prodigies, such lawlesse and unaccustomed Monsters appeare: and even such most irregular Attempts are to be prosecuted by people of as great antiquity as the two mock-Suns, which appeared at an instant, but vanished not away in a moment.

When God Almighty had drowned the World, in confirmation he would doe so no more, he produced the Rain-bowe, and made it appeare at all times and seasons in a constant and naturall forme and manner, ever opposite to the Sun; and this was out of his great love to Man-kind: But while in anger he permits his ministring Angels (as now he did) to manifest to our eyes a Rain-bow (and that such a one as no Age hath absolutely recorded the like) to appeare with the bend of it downward, just over the naturall Sun. The Prognostick part hereof may gravell an assured Judgement. Reader, pittie the weaknesse of Humane understanding, and let thy love appeare, in charitably passing by my failings.

The Portent of this Prodigy is very great: The Angels are

willing we should discern something, else why was it made visible? There was no necessity of it.

O All you Emperours, Kings, Princes, Rulers and Magistrates of Europe, this unaccustomed Apparition is like the Hand-writing in Daniel to some of you; ; it premoniseth you, abeve all other People, to make your peace with God in time: You shall every one of you smart, and every one of you taste (none excepted) the heavy hand of God, who will strengthen your Subjects with invincible Courage to suppress your Misgovernments and Oppressions in Church or Common-wealth: Nor shall Warre cease, or the Sword of God leave persecuting you and your Off-springs, untill this great Worke is perfectly done. What will you say if the Almighty is ready to let fall from Heaven a new Government, quite contrary to any hath hitherto beene in the World? here's threaten'd an universall Insurrection against you by your oppressed People: here's either the Deposing, Flight, or finall Extirpation of some of you, at hand: Your Viceroyes, Lieutenant-Generals, shall quake and tremble, and prove men of no Courage; shall shrink from you in your greatest necessity: Your Confederates shall faile in reall Performances, and doe you more mischief then a professed enemy: Your Children shall wander as banished people all over the World, dye unlamented in strange Countreies, while some of your owne Generation, of set purpose, shall bring you in dislike of your vassals.

Those words are generall: A word to my owne Country of England. Verily I am doubtfull there's now as great Treason in hatching against England, as either the Armado in 1588. or furious Gunpowder-plot in 1605. I am scrupulous, for the love I bear to my native Soyle, whilst I conceive there's a second Massacre in agitation; and yet I faithfully beleve we shall really overcome it, and maturely, and in good sadnelle, take lusty Vengeance on the Contrivers, &c.

Are not both the Lights, in our Scheame, with or neere *Cor Scorpij*, a most violent fixed Star? which usually (if we beleve Antiquity or Experience) threatens sodaine and violent death; else why have we this Aphorisme? *Cor Scorpij cum Luminaribus inuentum mortem, aut ex veneno repentinarum denuntiat*. He or she

of any great Family, that hath either the Sun or Moon, or both, with this Star, in the Radix of their Nativities, are threatned hereby, either to dye some violent death by casualty, Sword, Gun or Poison. Looke to your selves; here's some monstrous death towards you. But to whom? wilt thou say. Herein we consider the Signe, Lord thereof, and the House: The Sun signifies in that Royall Signe, great oues; the House signifies Captivity, Poison, Trechery: from which is derived thus much, That some very great man, what King, Prince, Duke, or the like, I really affirme I perfectly know not, shall, I say, come to some such untimely end.

What Magistrate forer of Europe hath the Sun or Moone in the place now afflicted, his person and estate will be in danger: Where the 6, 7 or 8 of Sagittarius doe culminate, he loses his Sovereignty: where the same degrees arise in the Horoscope, it threatens his life; witnesse the King of Sweden, &c.

Great men may, and I know will, despise these favourable Admonitions. Let them so doe, and afterwards cry, *Had I wist.*

Here in our Figure we have all the superiour Planets Retrograde, as if all the Grandees of the World, and every principall man in his kind, should find vexation enough; or as if every State and Common-wealth, or Society of men, were declining; and ready to suffer in one kind or other. *Significat etiam morbos populares, & mortalitates & quod ibi morietur Rex:* Haly. Popular Diseases, that is, abundance of the common people shall dye by the Sword, Mortality, &c. And where these afflictions are in most force, there, and in that Land, shall the King or principall Officer dye.

What succeffe shall follow of Treaties, or from or by meanes of Messengers, Commissioners, Ambassadors, Nuncio's, Generall or Provinciaall Councils, you may read by the positure of *Mercury in Scorpio*, hastening to Opposition of Jupiter. The Significator in fixed Signes, shew the tediousnesse of such like matters, the length of time shall be spent in Embassages, Treaties, Councils: But was there ever (without the immediate finger of God) any good Conclusion; when the Significators applied by opposition? Long, deceitfull and painfull Debates; slender and impertinent Conclusions.

Men are employed by some, to good intents and purposes; but one dash or a Pen, one simple underhand-missive out or from a guilty Secretary, or male-contented State-man, or one scrupulous Tenant of or from an unsettled Separatist, hinders and makes void all conclusion of difference by Negotiations and Treaties. Whereas formerly Commissioners from Prince to Prince have determined the greatest Controversies ever happened? there's now in the Figure of Heaven no appearance of such blessings, the Sword being only intended to decide these consuming Plagues and inveterate Quarrels that either have or shall, for some yeeres, rise amongst the European Common-Wealths.

Blinded shall be the eyes of the wisest discerning men, curbed and disheartned shall be the intentions of the cordiall, slandered shall be the well-wishes of innocent and harmlesse souls, who are not so verball, to no purpose, as some airy spirits.

Wars shall be prolonged, beyond either the reason or judgement of the wisest State-man now living, nay, untill the furious Souldier himselfe is weary.

The Rain-bowe seemed occularly to be amongst the Northern Constellations, above the *Aequator*, in that space of Heaven where the learned place *Serpentarius*, or the forme of a Serpent, his mouth gaping wide open, and a Crowne ready to fall into the Serpents mouth.

This is the second time, within one yeeres space, that some Princes of Europe have been threatned with Ruine and Destruction; (if they repent not) for the last of June 1644. there were strange apparitions in the Heavens, in this very Constellation; and now againe this unusuall Rain-bowe extending it selfe over the proper Sun, and quite thorow the body of the Serpent. Let me adde to this, The subsequent Eclipse I shall write of, hath no little signification in the fortunes and persons of Kings and great men.

Was not our Mother *Eve* deceived by ill Counsell given unto her by the devil in form of a Serpent? and was not *Adam* thereby himselfe mistaken, and to his whole Posterity made capable of that punishment he for that suffered, and we all by his act.

It was not *Adam*, it was not *Eve*, but the Serpent: It's not Kings or Princes, it's not their Queenes or Ladies, that invent

those execrable Councils so totally destructive ; no, it's the Serpent, it's in plaine language, such destructive Councell as is put into them by Serpents, that is, ill Councellours. It's *Mercury* in *Scorpio*, it's religious men in habit, but devils in conditions ; it's men of great Conformity outwardly that deceitfully hatch these hellish Advices.

I wish, in time, great men to become themselves ; for if some good Angel hath hitherto seemed to keep their Crowns, their Dominions, their Authority, from dropping into the Serpents mouth, that is, from Ruine, Approach of forreigne Power, or Incurion, &c. yet now, as in a little time this Rain-bowe vanished, and so left the true Sun naked, and to receive any impression ; so questionlesse, in a short time, shall Princes, after an unwonted manner, be deprived of Friends, Rule and Dominion, by people formerly contemptible, scarce dreamed of, and which themselves, within lesse then a few yeers, aimed at no such thing.

The most Ancient and Noble Families of Europe are declining ; but especially here not farre remote, or in England : And this *Saturne* by Retrogradation doth easily declare.

The Nobility and Gentry who have continued many Generations are now sinking, and an inferiour sort of people, by plaine Legerdemaine, are ascending ; but whether to Heaven, or worldly preferment, *sub judice lis est*.

The Souldier whom I most honour, shall tremble, and yet fight for he knowes not whom or what : as *Mars* in the seventh House doth manifestly declare.

Germany that part of

Some parts of France, and my owne deare Country of England, and therein especially Kent, Suffex, Surrey, part of Essex, Suffolk and Lincolne, and parts adjacent.

Oxford shall suffer both Sword, Sicknesse, Famine, Plague, if not small Subversion.

Shall the City of Rome escape ? No, nor Pamphilio the now present Pope shall continue scarce six yeers, without Poyson, or Opposition ; I will not say Deposition.

I omit some Countries purposely ; for Infidelity and Ingratitude

Stude is to be requited with Blood ; the sword, and not words. Some shall, notwithstanding their prudence, be ensnared without caution.

I wish cordially all happinesse to the Kingdome of Scotland : Nor shall some waspish Antagonists of that Nation against Astrology, cause me to love the Kingdome the worse. There's not yet any probability of a constant Settlement in that Commonwealth.

Let us expect to hear of some mutiny amongst the Turks, and in Constantinople : and faction amongst the Nobles in Polonia.

I cannot predicate good to the barbarous Irish.

I am doubtfull Denmarke is appointed for a Patterne either of Vengeance or Mercy : it is, it must suffer more and more.

This prodigious Apparition foreshews to all England a generall Infelicity, perhaps to all Europe, I meane, to the North-East part thereof, so situate from London in England.

A Famine, Scarcity of bread and provision for Man, is like to be subsequent ; the Murrain of Cattell, infectious and pestiferous Diseases, as well in man as in beast ; and full Plague and halfe a Plague, this yeer and the next, not in Villages onely, but almost in every great Towne of England. Horrible persecution of the Nobility and Gentry ; and indeed the Runawayes from our Parliament deserve no lesse, and some besides. Some superlative Discord with and concerning Religion, and Controversies therein.

Incurfions of forreigne Princes into their Neighbours Territories, Friends and Allies. No beliefe upon earth amongst men.

Surely the World is not yet at an end : But whosoever shall see, or have the unhappinesse to servive the two or three yeeres next succeeding, will wonder at the strange Metamorphosis and Catastrophe of Humane Chances in Christian Commonwealths, where Jesus Christ is professed with so much pretended-Zeale, but his Doctrine practised with so slender Devotion.

Nor shall many, and those not the least Cities and Townes of England, suffer in their private Commonwealths, lesse then a new molding of their present Government.

Did the wit of man of set purpose study it, he could not find out so many unnecessary Inventions for present and future destruction, as we our selves, with premeditated wisdom, find

finde out, with intention to salve up all our sores.

We begger our selves with Wit, and destroy Mankind with Discretion.

In good truth, the City of London is like to be afflicted (and now simple George at Oxford holds his mouth wide open) with the Plague, and some other Pestilentiall or Purse-Diseases, &c. Do not I see both the Sun and Moon in Opposition to Gemini? Their Ships are like to suffer by Fire and Pyracie, &c. Is not Gemini the Signe descending on the Cusp of the sixth and seventh? God blesse their Ships from Sea-fights and Shipwracks.

And yet methinks there's one in the world looks high, born, and in being, that would, but shall not, exalt himself to a Crown. *Quicumq; fuerit ex stirpe Regali, si in ejus Radice Nativitatis fuerint duo Soles, erit Regibus contrarius, &c.*

My friend, be quiet, thou art not the man, thy time is short; the Chicken of the West shall prevail: Return in peace, if thou canst, to the Sepulchre of thy nor-Kingly Ancestours, &c.

This is part of the little I am able at present to put forth, concerning the Signification of the three Suns; whose Effects cooperating with the immediate subsequent Eclipse in August, shall not determine in lesse time then three whole yeers, *Dixi.*

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The Dignities and Debilities of the Planets stand thus :

Saturn hath one Debility.

Jupiter hath Fortitudes—20

Mars, ————— 13

Venus, ————— 4

Mercury, ————— 12

} The Duration being 1 hor. 54 min.
the Effects shall continue almost
two whole years, viz. untill the
16 of December, 1647.

*A Short Historiall Narration of some proceeding Eclipses,
and the Effects that thereupon ensued.*

The first Eclipse we finde recorded to Posterity, is by *Dion. Hal.* and it was in the yeer of the world 3180, about 767 years before Christ. Its noted by Historians, that *Romulus* was that yeer conceived, and the Kingdom of *Israel* began to decline.

Many were the Eclipses which Antiquity took notice of, and after most of them some memorable Actions to have succeeded : As, that in *anno Mundi* 3235, and 26 of *May*, the Sun suffered a fearfull Eclipse ; and it was in that yeer *Sennacherib* King of *Assyria* departed from the Siege of *Jerusalem*, and had One hundred and fourscore thousand men slain in his Army. You may read what succeeded after, 2 *Kings* cap 19.

Anno mundi 3470, and 19 of *April*, the sun was eclipsed ; at what time *Xerxes* went with his innumerable Army against the *Greeks*, and was as valiantly beaten at *Thermopylas* and *Salamine*.

Anno mundi 3621, there was a totall Eclipse of the Moon ; and it was onely twelve days before the great Fight betwixt *Darius* and *Alexander* ; and this was upon *Saturday* the 20 of *September*. The Monarchy of *Persia*, by the overthrow of this Battel, vanished, after it had ruled *Asia* 200 years.

Anno mundi 3733, there was an horrible Eclipse of the Sun, the 11 of *February*. Who is conversant in History, may finde, that not long after *Hannibal* slew fifteen thousand *Romans*, and *Ptolomeus* *Philopater* King of *Egypt* overthrew *Antiochus* ; after which Victory, the proud King, being insolent, entred the *Sanctum Sanctorum* of the *Jews*, for which he was punished by God, and so returned into *Egypt*.

Anno Christi 45, some say, 47, the Sun suffered an Eclipse the first of *August* ; after which followed that sad Famine univer-

fall to all the world, prophesied of by *Agabus*, *Act. 11.* But hasten.

Anno Christi 807, the Sun was eclipsed once, and the Moon twice: there succeeded instantly very great Division in the Empire under *Charles the Great*.

Anno Christi 813, an Eclipse of the Sun preceded the death of *Carolus Magnus*.

Anno Christi 891, after an Eclipse of the Sun, the Emperour and Princes of *Italy* fell at variance, and mutually invaded each other; by which means *Italy* was fearfully afflicted for many years.

I finde some remarkable Observations in *Plutarch* after Eclipses; as these: At what time *Pericles* armed 150 Ships, and was ready to set sail, an Eclipse of the Sun happened, which being conceived to be ominous by some, *Pericles* derided the Prognostick: But see the words following, *But Pericles hoysing Sail notwithstanding, did no notable or speciall Service answerable to so great an Army or Preparation; for which he was deprived of his Charge of Generall, &c. and fined at fifteen Talents.*

In the Life of *Pelopidas* you shall read, that upon his second Journey against the Tyrant *Alexander of Pheres*, a great Eclipse of the Sun was, causing great darknesse at noon-day. You may read, fol. 303 in *Plutarch*, that *Pelopidas* wilfulnesse, contrary to the advice of some in the Army, cost him his life: for not onely those that were then versed in Soothsaying, but his own Citizens, told him, That this Eclipse did threaten the death of some great Person like himself, &c. which his death exactly verified.

You shall also read in the Life of *Nicias*, That instantly after an Eclipse of the Moon, the *Syracusians* overthrew the whole Power of the *Athenians* by Sea; and he himself, and *Demosthenes*, were taken Prisoners, and not long after lost their lives.

During the Effects of a *Lunar Eclipse*, and upon some prodigious Sights in the air, *Dionisius* Tyrant of *Syracusa* was enforced to flee, and that City, after 48 years, restored to liberty. That was no weak Judgement therefore that *Miltas* the Soothsayer resolutely delivered, upon sight thereof: *My good friends, be of good cheer, and assure your selves that we shall prosper; for God doth foreshew us, by this Sight we see, that some one of the chiefest*

chiefest things now in highest place and dignity shall be eclipsed.

He that shall please out to peruse *Leovitiuus de Coniunctionibus & Eclipsibus*, may be more fully satisfied.

And yet if examples of late yeers work any thing in us, we cannot forget that eminent Eclipse in 1639, and in the moneth of *May*: I am sure we were never quiet since: It was fully visible in our Horizon. We may not forget the overthrow of the *Spanish Fleet* upon our *English Coasts*, within four moneths after, &c.

In all my reading, I finde *Solar Eclipses* are most ominous to Princes, to Authority, Magistracy, &c. and that Eclipses of the *Moon* do both afflict King and People; but most properly incite and excite the Subjects to Arms, and the vulgar against his Lord and Master.

For whereas the *Solar Eclipse* puts difference betwixt one Prince and another, betwixt one State & another, one Noble-man and another, each Common-wealth against his next neighbour; a *Lunar Eclipse*, on the contrary, stirs up people of more ignoble Condition, to strive against their Ministers that have power over them, &c.

The Effects of the present Eclipse prosecuted.

IF that Sentence of *Ptolomey* be admitted for truth, *Lib. 2. c. 7.* *Quaecunq; Stella erratica pluribus dignitatibus utriq; loco, id est deliquit ipsius, & hoc sequentis cardinis associabitur, Sola dominabitur*: Which in *English* runs thus: *That Planet which hath most Dignities in the degree or place eclipsed, and angle succeeding, shall be ruler of the Eclipse*: that is, Consider his nature and position, how he is well or ill affected, and how and by whom affected, and accordingly judge of the Events.

By which Doctrine we may be bold to affirm, that *Mars* shall principally rule the effects of this Eclipse, as having most dominion in the place of the defect, and solely ruling the angle subsequent, which is the Ascendant. If I deviate an hairs breadth from truth, I must expect some dirty fool to throw out non-sense in Print against me: therefore observe if *Cardan* confirm not my words, *Lib. 20. fol. 258.* *Cum enim idem fueris Dominus loci de-*

liquii, & loci sequentis anguli, ille prorsus erit Dominus & Principalis: When the same Planet is Lord of the place eclipsed, and of the sequent angle, he shall be altogether or especially Lord of the Eclipse. To which Judgement *Campanella*, fol. 84, consenteth, while he delivers, *Validior est, qui deliquit loco & cardinis plus potest*. And yet in designing the effects of the Eclipse, we are to consider the Predominancy and Fortitudes of the rest of the Planets, and their mutuall Aspects each to other, their position in the heaven, signe and quarter; for they will challenge something in the Effects, as *Ptolomey*, lib. 2. cap. 8, saith, *Hoc sumitur a natura dominantium Stellarum, quæ sunt in præcipuis locis, & earum commixtione inter sese, & cum iis locis in quibus esse conspiciuntur*. We ought (saith he) to take signification of the Eclipse, from those Stars that are most powerfull in the chiefeſt places of heaven, and their commixtion one with another, together in those places in which they are posited.

But sith *Ptolomey* delivers us a kinde of Method, we shall willingly follow it, in manifestation of the Effects now subsequent.

Wherein we first consider,

The Kingdoms, Cities, or Common-wealths of *Europe* likely to suffer; as also, what manner of men be most probably to smart by the Effects.

In our Figure, because the Eclipse is in a fiery Signe, the fiery Triplicity is passive, viz. *Aries, Leo, Sagittarius*.

In defectibus Solis & Luna maximè insignibus, considerabimus locum Zodiaci, in quo fuit luminum defectus, & ei loco juxta Trigonorum distributionem familiares, & quæ Urbes propter Horoscopum in exstructione, aut propter locum quem eo tempore tenuerunt, aut propter medium-Cæli in Nativitatibus Principum earum regionum familiaritatem habent cum loco defectus: Ptol. lib. 2. cap. 5. In Eclipses of the Sun and Moon, we consider the place of the Zodiac, and those Regions familiar to that place, according to the distribution of Triplicities, and what Cities at their Foundation had their Horoscope either the place of the Signe eclipsed, or wherein either of the Lights at that time were in the degree defective: and we also consider if the *medium-Cæli* of the Princes Nativity then governing, be the Signe and Degree of the Eclipse.

Of all which, we shall make good use in its proper time.

We must also consider those Countreys which are under, or properly belong to the second Quadrangle, viz. *Taurus*, *Leo*, *Scorpio* and *Aquarius*; so that upon the matter, any Prince or great person that hath his Ascendant, Mid-heaven, or place of the Sun or Moon in or about the 26, 27, 28, or 29 of *Taurus*, *Leo*, *Scorpio*, or *Aquarius*, is made capable of receiving good or ill by this present Eclipse.

Germany, France, England, Denmark, Italy, Turkie, Bohemia, Spain, Hungaria, Moravia, stand all subject to the frown of this Eclipse.

Part of Swedland, Polonia, Russia, Valachia, Westphalia, Bavaria, to all these Kingdoms and Countreys the Eclipse will be visible, and these Countreys Ascendants having affinity either in Triplicity, or being of the second Quadrangle, must participate of the actions, more or lesse, which may be expected from this Eclipse.

As to men, the fiery Trygon represents men of great Quality, of highest Command. Remember, you great ones, that in January last, the same Decanate of *Leo*, or the ten last degrees of this present Signe of *Leo* was afflicted, and now the same face of the Signe again the second time, all in one year. *Sed quæ non profunt singula, multa juvant.* Its not true in Eclipses, as in other things, The more, the merrier: The fewer Eclipses, the least hurt. More fully of this in the sequele.

The second thing considerable, is, De genere Effectum:
viz. Of the kindes of the Effects.

IN what manner and kinde the Effects of the Eclipse shall manifest themselves, we cannot discern, unless we know what Planet principally rules the place defective. *Nam qui Planeta pluribus modis congruit, ad utrumq; locum defectus, & ad cardinem qui sequitur hic Solus dominabitur; Ptol. cap. 7. lib. 2.* What Planet hath most Dignities in the place of both the Lights (this is when there's an Eclipse of the Moon) and the Angle subsequent, he onely shall rule the Effects, or demonstrate the quality of them; as, whether War, Famine, Plague, &c.

In our Scheme, *Mars* rules, without any contradiction, both the defective place, and the Angle following : he is neer some fixed Stars of his own nature, and is in a *semi-Sextill*, if that Aspect be considerable to the place afflicted, by which he is the more fortified, and made more significant in the Effects.

Although the Sun and Moon are powerfull in this Position, yet (*consideratis considerandis*) they are at no time admitted to signifie the quality of the Effects. *Nam Sol & Luna aliarum Stellarum sunt & precipue cause eventuum, & Regunt Stellarum dominia & dominantium vires aut confirmant aut languifaciunt* : Ptol. lib. 2. cap. 8. The Sun and Moon are Governours of other Stars, and are principall causes of the Effects, and sway the rule of the Stars, and either strengthen or weaken their forces.

I may well say, *Mars* is in *Libra* ; however, he is in a humane Signe, if he be in *Virgo*.

Figure adspiciantur in quibus sit defectus, & in quibus sint Stella dominantes, unde genus eventuum judicari poterit : Ptol. lib. 2. cap. 7. Consider the form of the Signe in which the Eclipse is, and wherein especially the Planets having any predominancy are, and by that you may judge of the kindes of the effects.

The Signe wherein the Eclipse falls, is *Leo*, a ferall Signe. *Damnum ex domesticis & mansuetis domesticis, & ad utilitates vite accommodatis, viz. ex bobus, equis & aliis*. Men shall receive damage by losse of their domestick tame beasts, viz. Horse, Ox, Sheep : so that I perceive here's like to be great scarcity of these creatures, after which, expect a direfull Famine.

Firma sive fixa signa significant fundamenta & edificia. Fixed signes intimate, the Judgement of this Eclipse will in part fall upon things long since founded, and upon Buildings, Houses, Towers, Castles, Ports ; the subversion of many ancient Seats, erecting many new Fortifications, &c.

As to men, the Defect is in the Mid-heaven, the Effects portend matter to Kingdoms, Kings, to men of middle-age, to all manner of men in Authority whatsoever : Ptol. cap. 7. lib. 2.

Indeed the House of heaven is extremely considerable ; for it falling in the tenth, the Effects shall be glorious, famous, eminent, of mighty concernment, published all over the world.

Mars either in *Libra* or *Virgo*, must have judgement in this nature :

ture: *Quæ habent figuram humanam, significant eventus fore hominibus.* The over-ruling Planets being in Humane Signes, Man and Mankind are concerned: All which shall be explicated by and by.

The third thing considerable, is, Whether the Events of this Eclipse shall intend good or ill.

Consideratio vero Stellarum quæ præcipuum jus in commixtione habent, indicat eventuum qualitatem: Which in effect tells you what I formerly repeated, viz. That those Planets which in their mixture one with another have most Dignities, do shew the quality of the Events.

It might be easily judged, that, sith *Mars* rules the Ascendant and place Eclipsed, and is entring *Libra* his Detriment, and is naturally an enemy to all good, and to man, that we must expect but sad Times, and in plain terms, that we must look for a wo-ll desolation and destruction of man: For the Ascendant signifieth in generall, Mankind, or Commonalty of every Nation. So then, according to the *Ptolomeian* Doctrine, without any Comment, evil is to be looked for from the Effects of this Eclipse.

How to apply all preceding to the present Purpose, is now my Task.

NEc in mixtionibus tantum errantium congressus intelligo, sed aliarum, quoque similes naturas sive fixarum, sive locorum signiferi, vel familiaritates cum errantibus supra indicata sunt.

Nor do I (saith *Ptolomey*) in the mixture of the Planets onely consider their Conjunctions or sole Aspects, of what nature soever they be; but also the nature as well of the fixed Stars, as places of Heaven, if they consent with the nature and quality of the Planets.

Si Planeta vincens super Eclipsin sit maleficus, significat malum & detrimentum. An evil Planet ruling the Eclipse, he portends evil, &c. This is also the Opinion of *Junstine*.

When I see *Aquarius* descending in the fourth, and the *Dragons* tail so neer the Cusp of the House, and *Saturn* Retrograde in the seventh, a fixed Signe; What assurance have I that the

most stately Buildings of this Kingdom shall escape ruine; or most ancient Cities and Towns desolation? I cannot shorten those Miseries I see depending on this Influence, or convert the Signes fixed into moveable: for the Evils portended, are to be maliciously permanent.

A crooked and perverse Generation of men, hath cunningly ensnared all or most part of *Europe*, in these preposterous Wars now on foot. *Lord God of heaven, direct the heart of some wise man to salve these grievous Maladies.*

We have already handled the Effects which may attend that unusuall Apparition of the three Suns; and now, leaving our former Method, undertook onely to benefit such as are not conversant in Judgement of Eclipses; we come more neerer to what we first intended.



THe Effects of this Eclipse shall not determine untill December, 1647; untill which time, we shall have eight Eclipses, but hardly any, but one, visible in *England* or *Europe*. There doth also in this interval of time happen about fifty Conjunctions of the Planets amongst themselves, which are materially considerable, and ought to be made use of: And herein I mention no Lunations, &c.

Scito, quod in Eclipsi Solis non potest fieri, quin significetur magnam aliquod accidens secundum quantitatem Eclipsis: Junctinus in Speculo, fol. 316. Whosoever thou art that readest these lines, I would have thee know, That no Eclipse of the Sun can be, but some grand matter is signified thereby, according to the quantity or greatnesse of the Eclipse. And if you will know more particularly, or something more neer the matter, Junctine tells us, Eclipses Luminarium in Triplicitate ignea, denuntiant armorum, pecuniarumq; interitum, magni Regis seu Principis exilium, carceres, aut internecionem. An Eclipse of the Lights in the fiery Triplicity, doth signifie and declare the destruction of whole Herds of Cattel, and their death: as also, some famous King or Prince his Exile or Banishment, his restraint of liberty, or Captivity, whether you will; as also, his Slaughter.

The Signe wherein this Eclipse is, all men know, is of the forementioned Triplicity : its warning enough to be thus plainly dealt withall. What *Junctine* saith of Kings, I say of Nobles, great Peers, Knights, &c. *Inter plebeios & potentiores odia, mutuas simulates, dissidia, magni exercitus motum, Bella horrida, hominum strages, incendia, furta, rapinas & depopulationes.* The Eclipse denounceth rancour and malice betwixt the vulgar person, or Commonalty and great persons, pretty dissembling with each other, disagreements in Opinion, the motion of some great Army, horrible Wars, multitudes of men slain, many curious Buildings burned to the ground, much Theevery, pillaging and plundering, many Towns, Villages and Countreys depopulated, or left naked of Inhabitants.

Shall our troubles be so great, we shall expect all those forenamed Miseries? I pray God divert his Judgements, and make us penitent, ere these threatened Mischiefs ligh on our heads.

Again, *Pregnantium abortivos, acutas febres, epidemiam ob aeris inordinem & caumata, frugum sterilitatem, & annone penuriam, in Regionibus precipue qua Eclipsis Signo subjiciuntur, excellentem mutationem.* Women shall miscarry, men shall have sharp Feavers, an universall Plague and Pestilence caused by heats and blastings of the air, great scarcity of fruits, want of Provision for man, as Victuals, Corn, Provision, &c. These things are more vigorously to operate to those Kingdoms subject to the Signe of Leo, then to Aries and Sagittarius. Some famous Alteration.

It may be feared, that of Cardan will prove too true: *Eclipsium Solis effectus potentes sunt, unde si in florentem messem incidant, sterilitatem afferunt*: Cardanus *Seg. 2. Apho. 16.* The operations of a Solar Eclipse are powerfull; which if they fall to be in the beginning of a flourishing Harvest, they shew a Barrennesse to follow.

Our Eclipse at this time is in *August*, when we in the South of *England*, and generally over all the Kingdom, are busie in getting it in. I pray God make our Harvest fruitfull, and blesse the Husbandman with a plentiful Crop, and a peaceable enjoying what he hath taken sore pains for. We may fear some Disaster amongst us at that time, and my Judgement may prove more recall then I wish.

But the decay of Tillage and Husbandry is the least thing (though very considerable) which is intended by the Eclipse: We must elevate our Conceptions; men of an higher strain and condition are aimed at. Doth the Eagle catch at Flyes? Shall an Eclipse in a Fiery Signe, and a Kingly House, principally intend the vulgar man, or private Countrey-Gentleman? No: *Arma, Bella horrida, Virumque cano, &c.* In truth, there's War, Famine, a grievous devouring and destructive Vengeance to be poured down upon some unthankfull Families of *Europe*, of which, without doubt, some live in our own Countrey of *England*, some in *Scotland*, many in *Ireland*: Upon what House, Man, or Family in particular, there I must be silent.

The Star in *Cassiopeia*, 1572. those many apparitions of Comets since, those unaccustomed Sights in the Air, greater and lesser Conjunctions of the Planets in the Fiery Trygon, multitude of Eclipses both Solar and Lunar, are the sad Messengers of the downfall of one, nay I say of many egregious Families of *Europe*.

Yet if my search into the most secret Cabinet of Astrologie doth not delude my impartiall Judgement, my more serious Conceptions tell me, There's a Man or a Family in *Europe*, is not far from attaining an excesse in Dominion and Sovereignty. The time of this Mans growth, or Families, to such an height, draws on and neer; the time is not mensurable in dayes, or moneths, nor in Centuries of yeers; the unnaturall War of every Countrey, helps forward and prepares the matter, whiles the good man (if he be born) sleeps quietly, untill that Angel appointed for his Guardian, excite him in a moment to rouze up his meditating thoughts, and to convert Consultation into Action.

As the State of *France* now stands, or *Spain*, or *Italy*, How incredible and improbable a thing do I speak of, or should do, if I should deliver, That a man not yet in Action, should turn the fate of those Kingdoms in a moment, and, like the Son of Thunder, in lesse weeks or moneths, not many yeers, in lesse then man can imagine, settle those vast Kingdoms as himself best likes, and then dispose of other Kingdoms then in Distraction by Missives rather then the Sword, &c.

But I forget my self, I see *Saturn* Lord of the third and fourth House,

House, Retrograde in the seventh. *Saturnus præest plebi, sensibus, infirmis, ob hoc cum vite inimicus sit facile tales omnes percunt aggregationem.* Saturn hath command, and represents old men, every common Clown or vulgar man, and every sick man, because he is enemy to Nature. Now such manner of men shall die and perish in whole companies or swarms.

Wo to the man that digs the ground, and thinks to enrich himself by turning up fat furrows, or in expectation of thriving Crops.

Wo to that aged man that wants strength to manage his feeble body in a time of so much sorrow as the Eclipse saith is approaching.

When the daring or cruell Enemy comes neer us, what shall the infirm man do? neither able to move or be moved: Perish he must, flee he cannot; there's no way assigned but death, yea, although he was the son of a father most eminent.

But again to the purpose. *Si in Revolvendo anno, Regni Stella in signo depressionis inventa fuerit, magnus aliquis vir ex stelle ipsius natura morietur.* Ptol. Apho. 31. In handling the Judgement or Revolution of a yeer, if a Planet that is usually taken for Lord of that Kingdom be in his depression, viz. Either in his detriment or fall, some great person of the nature of that Planet will die that yeer.

This is like to be fatall to the Kingdom of England; for in *Figura mundi*, Saturn was in his fall.

In this present Eclipse, Mars, that hath sole dominion in the Ascendant and place eclipsed, is in his detriment.

It cannot be the death of any vulgar or ordinary man, that is hereby intended to be sent to another world.

Mars represents great persons, principall Commanders in our Armies as well as in His Majesties. Truly I fear an eminent Commander.

Cavete viri, qui sunt tanquam Princes.

You that are in esteem like Princes, and domineer like little Kings, beware every one of you; in every County and City; you are said to be gods, you shall die like other men, &c. disgraced, odious, &c.

Its not one onely man that is intended by the Heavens to be

the mock of Fortune, and scorn of Mankinde ; there's a signification of many, that are to undergo a very hard and unpleasant Doom, ere the Influence of this Eclipse shall have period, or the Portent of the three Suns be fully determined.

Obsecro, mi Domine mitte, quem missurus es.

I may be derided for predicting so much : but I rather laugh at their folly, that, having been oft premonished, amend not their lives, and endeavour Composition of these unhappie Dissensions now too prevalent all over Christendom.

What great one soever thou art of *England*, or of any Nation of *Europe*, that hast the 28 or 27 of *Leo* ascending at thy birth, or the same degree of *Taurus*, *Scorpio* or *Aquarius*, to thee I say, Thou art in great danger of death, or mighty disturbance in thy health, ere this Revolution of almost two yeers be compleated. I am not idle, but thou art mad, and out of thy wits, if thou dost not beware in time.

Let us admit thou hast the same degree culminating, look to thine Honour, Crown and Dignity, if thou art a King, thou shalt assuredly receive blemish in thy fame and estimation, nor shalt thou escape without hazarding thy Crown, or most fearfull scandals on thy Reputation.

Hast thou the same degrees ascending on the Cusp of the seventh ? Art thou a King ? thou shalt have War unlook'd for, enemies without number, domestick and forreign, shall invade thee ; look to be plunged to purpose, and to suffer discontent without period : those as dear unto thee as thy wife in thy bosom, shall betray thee by indirect counsels.

Hast thou the said degree upon the Cusp of the fourth house ? Art thou Emperour of *Constantinople* ? Thy father left thee more Kingdoms then thou shalt leave thy son : Lose part of thy Dominions, I desire thee ; the Fates will have it so. Art thou of the Noble *Austrian* Family ? or art thou King of *England*, *France*, *Spain*, or *Denmark* ? Be all or any of you assured to have a share in these Calamities : a part or parcell, an arm or a branch of your Kingdoms will be leapt off from you.

Is there any man hath the Sun or the Moon in the 28 degree of *Leo* or *Aquarius* at the time of his birth ? let him ponder these words of *Ptolemy*, lib.2. cap.2. *Sed periculosum in pri-*

mis & inevitabile est, si ipsa Eclipticorum locorum partes aut oppositae, coinciderint cum gradibus alter utrius Luminum, quos genitura tempore possederunt. The sense of which words runs thus; That if an Eclipse happen in that Eclipticall degree in which at the time of birth either of the Lights, viz. Sun or Moon, were, its an argument (saith he) of some danger at hand hardly to be avoided.

We cannot forget that fearfull losse His Majestie of Spain suffered not long after the Eclipse of the Sun in *Geminis*, 1639. Truly I fear that same potent Prince must have another such like Brush; for the three Suns doth in a manner deliver so much: And look carefully what Nation or Prince suffered upon the Influence of that Eclipse, shall again by these three Suns apparition, in a more then miraculous way, if it be possible, be loaded with misfortune.

Prodigies in Heaven, of Heaven, and from Heaven, appear not in vain: Eclipses do ever foreshew some notorious and eminent matter neer hand, yea, in a most peaceable season.

The Courts of all Princes shall be stricken dead with fear, horror and amazement; Privy Counsellours shall be trampled down like dirt under our feet.

In the East, from the East, or somewhat South-east, shall the beginnings of some miraculous Accidents have some first life, motion and beginning. But this is quite out of the Text.

If, as the wisest men conceive, the Sun and Moon do govern our body and spirit, and so moderate the Elements, that all men, even every vulgar person understands it; what shall we then think to be more admired or formidable, then when we, upon a sudden, see these most glorious Bodies obscured, and their light taken from our present sight? We may from thence imagine, somewhat more then ordinary is drawing on.

It was therefore well and rightly said of *Ptolomey*: *Cardinales Eclipses sunt potentiores, ac vehementius afficiunt, quippe quum cardines sine mundi prima loca in quibus cum Planeta collocati, cum Majestate presideant.* Eclipses that are in Angles are more prevalent, and more fiercely afflict; for Angles are the chiefest places of the Figure, wherein when Planets are posited, they rule as it were with majestie.

Our

Our Eclipse begins in the tenth, its middle and end is there also. How wonderfull and eminent Designes, Changes of Fortunes in the states of great persons is hereby to be expected, and these all over *Europe*, doubtlesse such things shall hereby come to passe, as this Generation now living hath scarce been acquainted with the like:

Here's mad work in hand: Kings and Lords clouded; Clowns and silly fellows climbing aloft: The world is almost turning Topple-turvey.

What is the matter, that a sudden Affright shall amaze the *Italian* Princes? They that ere-while thought of no such thing, shall now tremble for fear: So shall *Pamphilio* the Pope fume to no purpose, and be in as much danger by a Conspiracy at home, as if he were abroad, and amidst a rude sort of enemies. But whether this Eclipse shall point out his death within the compasse of two years, it little concerns me; nor if he be presented with a Spanish Fig, and die thereof, shall my conscience be any thing troubled.

I finde, upon the last Restauration of *Rome*, 1506. that both *Mars*, *Saturn*, and the *Dragons* tail, were in *Leone*, in the second House. We have, in the moneth of *August*, a totall Eclipse of the Moon, though not visible in *Europ*, in the 15 of *Aquarius*. I admonish the Prelaticall Tribe of Cardinals to provide good store of Money, and the Citizens of *Rome* to be no niggards of their purses: A Famine is threatned to them, and some parts of *Italy*; and a sudden fire is like to descend, to the consuming of many stately houses: Neither do I positively affirm, that a strong Intruder shall waste part of *Italy*, or supplant some very good Families therein. I see plenty of Consults amongst the Princes, fruitlesse Embassages, variance upon Niceties, even to wearinesse, a giddinesse amongst wise people. Worthy men, you have most admirable men amongst you, that yet keep a Traditionall learning amongst you, as ancient as *Hermes*, whereby you may be better provided, *Quid agendum*. I love *Italy*, and am no *Mahometan*.

But I passe by *Italy*, sith her Princes in a moment may confer with men as deserving as any in *Europe*.

Constantinople is like to grone under the Pressures of some mercilesse

mercileſſe fires, and extravagant commanding Souldiers : A Plague will wander thorow that ſpacious City, to the conſumption of ſome ſcores of thouſands.

Nor is any great ſucceſſe to attend the Emperours of *Greece*, whom we call *The great Turk* : An inferiour People ſhall give him a Baffle, and he contented with a Flea in his ear.

If thou art *Engliſh*, and diſaffected to our preſent Parliament and City of *London*, thou expecteſt I ſhould ſpeak ſomewhat of this famous Citie, ſo terrible to our now-miſchievous enemies. The exact Scheam thereof thou getteſt not from me, no not with large promiſe of money or reward : for, have not I read ſome Treatiſes called *T & Z* ?

Countrey-men, I tell you, *Gemini* is in the eighth Houſe of this Eclipticall Figure ; but *Mercury*, that is Lord thereof, is in *Virgo*, his own houſe, angular, and departing from the Sun-beams. Wilt thou have me ſpeak plain *Engliſh* ? This very Citie muſt ſuffer a ſhare in the effects of this Eclipse, it were a wonder elſe, the times conſidered : I fear not the Plague very much ; I rather fear hurt unto us by Pyracie, loſſe of Ships, and the death of many poor Creditors abroad, and from thence a generall Damage to the Citizens.

Indeed, courteous *George Naworth*, I would not reſide in *London*, were I as doubtfull of its ſafety, as I am confident of ſome Calamity to *Oxford*. Our Citie muſt ſtand yet, to day, and to morrow, this moneth and one more, this yeer and the next, and 52 beſides. He that underſtands this Riddle, ſhall know more then a little : he that takes it to the letter ; miſtakes my meaning : he that would know the truth, *viz.* when, and how long, he muſt firſt know the Aſtrologicall way of numbers, and what doth mean 1732, then he may give a moderate ſenſe, and yet come ſhort of the Authors meaning, and of truth it ſelf ; yet ſhall he come to a knowledge not deſpicable, nor repent that he ſpent ſome time in the diſquiſition hereof.

Magnorum facias Principum ſignificatorem Solem, vel aliquem de ſuperioribus : Herm. Apho. 7. Make the Sun, or ſome of the Superiours, ſignificator of great Princes. It is ſo ; the heavens doubly and trebly give that warning which I have ſet down unto Kings, Princes, &c.

But why, or wherefore, will some busie-body say? I answer with *Hermes*, *In Revolutione annorum mundi multe difficultates erunt & praelia, cum in exaltationibus fuerint Jupiter & Saturnus.* In the Revolution of one of the yeers of the world, you shall judge many difficulties and Battels, when *Saturn* or *Jupiter* are in their Exaltations. If this hold true in a Figure of the Suns entrance into *Aries*, much more in an eminent Eclipse. We have onely *Jupiter* of those two Planets exalted in our Scheam, he doth by his now-position signifie unto us things concerning Religion, Laws, Leagues, Covenants, all manner of Association, either of one Prince with another, or man with man generally: as here posited, now he prenotes high points to be in handling, in things Divine. *Jove* is but entring his exaltation: Shall a people begin, with great ardour and vigour, to contrive new Tenents in Religion, and not live to see them confirmed?

Is there no stability in this world? One Sect to day, another to morrow. Shall lesse then a Sabbath of yeers blot almost out of remembrance many fruitlesse Niceties in Doctrine? Why the Clergie of *Europe*, in a time so troublesome, should invent so many new Opinions, to be permanent so little a while, I know not.

What shall we do? or whither do we arrive with these generall Disputes? I see *Jupiter* direct at the time of the Eclipse, but Retrograde two moneths after. We have a Proverb in *English* doth well expresse that sense, viz. *He was turned out of his place, before he was warm in his Gears*: The assured sense hereof is this, That when the world thinks Religion settled, its then furthest off from a solid confirmation. One Generation comes, and another passeth away; the later usually corrects and refines the former: So will it be, even till man, as well as Religion, in this world have no more being.

In person I am not more remote from *Utopia*, then my judgement from finding the year of the world when unity in Doctrinall or Ceremoniall points shall be.

Conjunctiones totius anni Oppositionesq; & Quadraturas necesse est ut consideres, per has causantur diversatransmutationes temporum. Consider the severall Conjunctions, Oppositions, Quadratures

dratures of the whole yeer, for divers and sundry transmutations of the yeer are caused from thence, &c. Wherefore, finding a dangerous Opposition of *Saturn* and *Mars*, *Saturn* in 2 deg. 19. min. *Taurus*, and *Mars* in 2. deg. 29. min. *Scorpio*, the later end of *September*; I was doubtfull what it might in generall signifie, sith the Aspect happens so neer the Culps of the East angle and seventh house, in the Figure of the Eclipse: For, *Oppositiones infortunarum in diversis latitudinibus terribilem habebunt effectum, demonstrabunt, inducentq; effectus velociter interficientes & auferentes vitam.* An Opposition of the two Infortunes, having divers Latitudes, (as now they have) hath most terrible effects, they will demonstrate and induce their effects furiously, and such as shall kill and take away the life of man: But upon which side, or on what party these foreseen slaughters shall fall, you must give me leave to expatiate my self, and so I will.

Nor let that vain and enforced Opinion, without sense, honesty, or art, in that purblind-Prognostication (Printed at *Oxford* by His Majesties command) any thing move those that stand well-affected to the Parliament, upon this direfull forenamed Opposition. The words of that wrangling fellow called *Naworth*, or *Wharton*, or a man of a double name, in the Prognostication of *September*, are these: *At Michaelmas there's an hatefull Opposition of Saturn and Mars: Something of great consequence will be done about that time, prejudicious to the Rebels.* The Parliament, Citizens of *London*, and all those naturall *English* that adhere unto them, are called Rebels by that ungodly Tribe of scornfull Monsters at *Oxford*, and this scurrilous Language Printed by command. *Vix credo.*

But why this Opposition should prejudice the Parliament, I see not: It promiseth them such a Victory over their enemies, as they yet never had. And I will refer the reason of the Judgement to any moderate Artift. In this Eclipse, *Mars* is Lord of the Ascendant, and so hath signification of our Parliaments affairs; *Saturn* therein is their enemy, because placed in the seventh house: Now when *Mars* in his own house comes to Opposition of *Saturn*, having no Fortitudes, if we knock not our enemies soundly, I say then God is angry with us. It points out something else, &c.

But let this man of errour consider the Figure of the Suns entrance into *Libra*, the 12 of *September* next, and he shall finde, to his grief, the *Dragons tail* in the tenth house, and *Saturn* Lord of the tenth, in the twelfth, Retrograde : let him boast, if he can, of that position, and see if such a glorious Conquest be thereby signified to chance to the Kingdoms *Vipers*, as he Trayterously prophesieth. Nothing troubles me more, then in unfolding the truth I must instruct this Changling, that pretends himself a Regall Prog-man (for Astrologer he is none.) But to save me a labour, I finde in the Judgement of my loving friend Master *Booker* upon the Autumnall Quarter, these words, which clearly end the Controversie; out of such Authors as the Highway-finder *G. W.* sometimes to little purpose doth mention.

There can be nothing worse (saith Master Booker) then the Dragons tail in the tenth: for Guido, fol. 595, saith, Significat impedimentum Regum atque Nobilium, & Magnatum, & diminutionem honoris eorum seu dignitatum. Kings, Nobles, and great persons, shall have many impediments, and their honour and dignity blasted. The losse of Honour is a signall of Victory, in Naworths opinion. Albumazar dixit, significat depositionem, & pericula, & peregrinationem seu casum. Albumazar saith, When the Dragons tail is in the tenth, it signifieth the deposing, danger, or oft running up and down, or some Fall, to chance to Kings, Princes, great Nobles, &c. Some might have Englished the Latine, and it would bear the sense well, as if such persons should be enforced to flee away, &c.

O what cause of insulting here is on *Naworths* side ! when its almost conspicuous, in that Naturall way we both judge by, *George* his best friends must be utterly routed, trudge & run away with such trinkets as they can get ; and amongst the rest, I know *George* himself, Budget, Almanack, some say a Gown, I hear of no Cloke, will not be the last man that runs, for fear of being taken prisoner, and delivered over to Master *Booker*, with whom I promise to intercede for good Quarter, because *George* pretends to the Mathematicks.

But letting this Quibbling Novice alone till he is better literated, I shall do well to inform the world what the greatest Actions of this Eclipse may be.

In a word, they are like to be of divers kindes ; but those of most eminency signified by *Mars*, who tells you of most unnaturall Wars, of unusuall Treachery in the Courts of Princes ; he tells you a Famine shall follow the effects of the Eclipse ; he tells you of the losse and drowning of men in Ships, Pyracies, Shipwracks, whole Cities, Countreys, Towns, wasted, consumed, depopulated, burned down to ashes, shot down to the ground, and made Rubbish of ; fearfull and horrible Insurrections, Discontents, of Rapine, Murder, Thefts, Plunder, Pillaging, death of severall young Nobles and Princes, or men of Princely Progenie : he threatens Poison to great ones, unusuall Feavers, multiplicity of Sea-fights, infinite Losses at Sea, multitudes of Pyrats, a Plague amongst men, Murrain amongst Cattel, Mutinies of servants against Masters, destruction of Sheep and little Cattel, &c.

Kings shall hazard their Scepters by Wars, Subjects their Liberties, Cities and Towns their Priviledges : He threatens a generall confusion and madnesse upon the face of the earth ; and that *Europe* is totally out of the right way ; that the Emperour of *Germany*, the later end of this yeer, will run a great hazard with the *Swedes* ; that *France* is not many yeers to continue in that Peace the Cardinall left it ; and that the *Spaniard* shall have one lustie day over the *French*.

If we credit the principall Signification of the Eclipse, with its Appurtenances, Consequences, Configuration by it self, and compared with preceding Conjunctions of the superiour Planets, and with subsequent Aspects for some yeers succeeding, it doth whisper as if some Designe were in hand, or minting, to make o o o o Master of *Europe*, and possessed of more ground then his Ancestors left him or them.

We see *Jupiter* in *Cancer* : Here's like to be tugging to settle some scrupulous Tenents, be they right or wrong, its no matter, say some. *Zizania cum tritico usq; ad diem messis crescunt.* Tares grow up with the wheat till Harvest, but then, &c. I will pray for Peace, though, being a great sinner, I despair of obtaining it.

This Eclipse is the Forerunner or Messenger of the death of some of the most eminent persons of *Europe* : As the Eclipse

falls out in the later degrees of a Signe, it prenotes the death of some aged person, and he a King, or not much lesse.

Eastward ho!

Ego duorum Principum vel magnatum genituras novi, quibus hæc Eclipsis exitium aut graves aliquas calamitates aut difficultates denuntiat, nomina eorum tuto nominari non possunt. I know the Nativities of two Princes or great persons, to whom this Eclipse portends either Destruction, or many fearfull Calamities: Their names I hold fit to be concealed, &c. O'tis like to be a sickly time with some, a bloody and treacherous one with others.

The Eclipse in a Kingly Signe and house, and accompanied with a Kingly fixed Star: It must, according to the course of Nature, be the Forerunner of some more then usuall accident to Emperours, Kings, Queens, Princes, and the chiefest Potentates of Europe. *Non enim Sol in Leone aliis rebus præ est nisi sublimibus & altis, item Regibus, Principibus, Generosis viris, & qui ad Gubernacula Reipublicæ sedent.* The Sun in Leo, signifieth nothing but what is of an high nature, and Kings, Princes, Gentlemen, and such as sit and govern the Common-wealth.

Here's many old Laws and Customs to be abrogated; here's many ancient Families to be deprived of their Inheritances; here's erection of new Customs, Laws, perhaps a new Government; here's Nation against Nation, as much Plundering at Sea as at Land; here's one would rise to be greater then his forefathers; Ambition deludes him, and Death deprives him of all Monarchicall intents: *Exit.*

Here's a woman as like a Queen as can be, or of the Stock of Princes, probably like to suffer either death or disgrace, as terrible as death, ere the determination of the effects of this Eclipse, and 1647: during which time, *Ubi res ad Pacem inclinare videbitur, illico novis occasionibus, intollerantia puta, cupiditate vindictæ, ambitione, avaritia, callidis consiliis, Bella & odia recrudescunt, qua multis exitio erunt, multos etiam fortunæ omnibus spoliatos extorres agent.* When the difference is like to come to a Peace, by and by, what with new occasions, impatience, covetousnesse, desire of revenge, Ambition, crafty Counsels, War and Malice, shall wax worse and worse, even to the destru-
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tion of many people: many also shall live like banished men deprived of all Fortune and Means to relieve themselves.

*The God of all Glory and Power,
who hath created us, and given
us now more War then we expected,
He of his goodnesse send
us Peace. (I hope this is no ill
Wish.) Amen.*

FINIS.

